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# PARK'S FLORAL MAGAZINE

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## 25 Choice Hardy Bulbs

FOR ONLY TWENTY-FIVE CENTS.

**I OFFER MY FRIENDS** the finest collection of Choice Hardy Bulbs that has ever been advertised, and at a great bargain. These are all handsome, named sorts, grown for me in immense quantities by Holland specialists, and imported this season. They are not inferior, cheap or mixed bulbs, but such as give perfect satisfaction, and I guarantee them to please.



SINGLE TULIP.



DOUBLE TULIP.

**Single Tulip**, fine, early spring flower; rich color.  
**Double Tulip**, later; large, very effective, beautiful.  
**Narcissus Peticus**, white, showy pink cup, lovely.  
**Alba plena odorata**, double, Gardenia-scented.  
**Leedsii**, a superb newer sort; white, large, fragrant.  
**Incomparabilis**, fine, yellow, double Daffodil.  
**Campanelle Jonquil**, large, yellow, fragrant.  
**Crocus**, large yellow, splendid early spring flower.  
**Scilla Siberica**, blue, very early and handsome.  
**Nutans**, spikes of drooping bells; very charming.  
**Muscari alba**, the lovely blue Grape Hyacinth.  
**Allium luteum**, fine golden yellow garden flower.  
**Sparaxis**, Giant sort, very large, brilliant flowers.  
**Iris Hispanica Chrysolora**, hardy golden Iris.  
**Blanchard**, pure white hardy Iris; very pretty.  
**Alex. Von Humboldt**, fine blue Iris; superb.  
**Ornithogalum umbellatum**, star-like flowers.  
**Anemone coronaria**, single, large, Poppy-like fl's.  
**Coronaria**, fl. pl. showy, double, Poppy-like fl'ws.  
**Ranunculus**, Double French, superb large flowers.  
**Oxalis rosea**, very free-blooming, rosy, beautiful.  
**Lutea**, superb yellow, very handsome clusters.  
**Triteleia uniflora**, exquisite white bloom.  
**Snowdrop**, New, Giant White; early, very pretty.  
**Ixia**, exquisite spikes of lovely variegated bloom.

The above bulbs are all easily grown, and I will include full cultural directions with every collection, so that all who plant them will succeed. I hope each of my patrons will order the above collection, and ask others to send with them. To encourage club orders I will send an extra lot (25 bulbs) for an order of four collections (\$1.00); or for 10 collections (\$2.50) I will send 24 Choice Hyacinth Bulbs in 24 finest named double and single varieties. See your friends at once, and get up a big club. A trial subscription to Park's Floral Magazine will be included with each collection.

These bulbs are all suitable for either house or garden culture. The illustrations will give some idea of their appearance and beauty. Order at once. The earlier you get the bulbs the better will they grow and bloom.

**GEO. W. PARK, La Park, Pa.**



SINGLE NARCISSUS.



DOUBLE NARCISSUS.



SCILLA SIBERICA.



SNOWDROP.



IRIS.



CROCUS.

# BARGAINS IN CHOICE HYACINTHS.

Hyacinths are among the earliest and most beautiful of hardy spring flowers, and to favor my friends I have secured and imported from Holland, where the best bulbs are grown, three collections, embracing the most beautiful and desirable varieties in cultivation. These are all fine, selected, blooming-sized bulbs, carefully grown, and will be sure to give satisfaction. They are suitable for either house or garden, and full directions for culture will accompany every package. These Hyacinths, potted now, will bloom handsomely in the window in winter, or they may be bedded out at once for spring blooming, as they are entirely hardy.



## Collection No. 1—10 Bulbs 30 Cts.

**Light Pink, Baron Van Thuyll**, bears elegant spikes of waxy bluish bells in fine spikes.

**Deep Pink Gertrude**, compact trusses of splendid bells; very pretty.

**Scarlet, Roi des Belges**, large spikes, rich and graceful; splendid.

**Pure White, Alba Superbissima**, large bells, immense compact spike; one of the best.

**Blush White, Grandeur a Merveille**, waxy bells, handsome spike; very fine.

**Dark Blue Marie**, large trusses, well-shaped bells of fine effect.

**Lavender Blue La Peyrouse**, fine spikes of elegant bells; exceedingly handsome.

**Light Blue Queen of the Blues**, huge, broad, erect spikes; fine bells.

**Orange Yellow-Herman**, lovely bells gracefully set; attractive color; long truss.

**Tinted White, Paix del Europe**, long truss; large drooping bells; one of the best.

## Collection No. 2—10 Bulbs 30 Cts.

**Deep Red, Robert Steiger**, fine compact truss, graceful bells; showy.

**Pink, Gigantea**, closely-set waxy bells; large, handsome truss; extra fine.

**Blush Norma**, light, graceful bells; fine truss; beautiful.

**Pure White, L'Innocence**, elegant bells; large, showy truss; fine.

**Cream White, Baroness Van Thuyll**, charming large spikes; bells show a primrose eye.

**Tinted White, Mr. Plimsoll**, waxy white, showy bells; fine spikes.

**Deep Blue, King of the Blues**, rich blue very fine bells and spikes.

**Dark Porcelain, Grand Matre**, erect, handsome truss; large, showy bells.

**Lilac Haydn**, very fine spike and very charming drooping flowers.

**Bright Yellow, Ida**, distinct in color; elegant bells; full compact spikes.

Send 60 cents for two of the above Hyacinth collections, or send 60 cents for both collections, and I will add two double Hyacinths as a premium. All are healthy, hardy, and sure to do well in either house or garden. For large beds I will supply these fine Hyacinths, by mail or express, equal quantities of each variety, at \$2.50 per hundred, prepaid. A hundred bulbs will make a bed that will be the envy of your neighbors when in bloom in the spring, and will make a fine show every season for several years.

**Double Hyacinths.**—The Double Hyacinths are not so handsome or desirable as the single varieties, either for in-door or out-door culture, but I offer a collection of the finest sorts in four colors, as follows:

## Collection No. 3—4 Bulbs 15 Cts.

**Bright Rose-pink, Noble par Merite**, double, very handsome bells; compact truss.

**Pure White, La Tour d'Auvergne**, fine double flowers; heavy truss; a choice, elegant sort.

**Bright Blue, Charles Dickens**, grand compact spike; graceful bells; one of the finest varieties.

**Fine Yellow, Goethe**, excellent truss; lovely, graceful bells; rosy salmon, pinkish shading; attractive.

I will supply single named Hyacinths separately at 3 cents each or 35 cents per dozen, and double sorts at 5 cents each or 45 cents per dozen.

**AS A PREMIUM**, I will mail you one Double Hyacinth for every additional order you send for the above 30 cent collections of Hyacinth; thus for a club of two (60 cents) I will mail one Double Hyacinth, your selection; for a club of four (\$1.20) four Double Hyacinths, etc. See friends and get up a club.

**LARGE BULBS**—For 50 cents I will send larger bulbs of either of the above 30-cent collections. These are such bulbs as are mostly retailed at 12 cents each. These larger bulbs are preferable where the largest and showiest spikes of bloom are desired. I can also supply the Double Hyacinths in the larger size, the four bulbs at 25 cents. Address all orders to

**GEO. W. PARK, La Park, Lanc. Co., Pa.**

# Beautiful Named Tulips.



I offer collections embracing all of the best Tulips known. The bulbs are first size, and sure to make a gorgeous display either in house or garden. I recommend Tulips, especially for planting out, however, as they are subject to insects when grown in the house. Out-doors they are entirely hardy, have no enemies, and a group or bed of them is glorious in early spring.

## Collection A—Single Early Tulips.

10 Bulbs 15 Cents.

**Bizard Pronkert**, scarlet, striped yellow.  
**Chrysolora**, large, golden yellow, very fine.  
**Cottage Maid**, very rich rose, striped white; splendid.  
**Conleur Ponceau**, beautiful cherry red.  
**Crimson King**, large, bright crimson.

**L'Immaculee**, charming pure white; very fine.  
**Marie Stuart**, very handsome rose.  
**Marquis de Westrade**, yellow, striped red.  
**Moucheron**, scarlet, very rich and showy.  
**Pigeon**, white, distinct and beautiful.

The above collection embraces all colors, and if bedded together, when in bloom they will make a grand display. In a large bed they are gorgeous. For planting in quantity I will deliver the bulbs at express office here, for \$1.10 per hundred; \$10.00 per thousand. Planting and cultural directions free.

## Collection B—Double and Parrot Tulips.

10 Bulbs 15 Cents.

**Titian**, scarlet, with broad gold margin.  
**Yellow Rose**, pure yellow, very double.  
**Admiral de Constantinople**, Parrot; red.  
**Lutea Major**, Parrot, fine yellow.  
**Perfecta**, Parrot, yellow and red.

**Agnes**, flaming vermillion scarlet.  
**Duke of York**, variegated red and white.  
**Lady Palmerston**, large, charming light rose.  
**Rose Blanche**, immense flowers; pure white.  
**Scarlet King**, bright red, very showy.

This list embraces all the colors in Double Early and Parrot Tulips. They bloom later than the preceding, but are equally showy and beautiful. For beds I will supply the bulbs by express, delivered here, at \$1.10 per hundred, equal quantities of each variety. Set the double Tulips in the centre; the Parrots use as a margin.

## Collection C—Late and Botanical Tulips, 10 Bulbs 15 Cents.

**Blue Flag**, double, late, fine purplish blue.  
**Overwinner**, double, late, violet and white, striped.  
**Marriage de MaFille**, double, late, red and white.  
**Peony Red**, double, late, dark red, large, showy.  
**Prince de Galitzen**, double, late, yellow.

**Florentina odorata**, single, fragrant, yellow.  
**Gesneriana**, tall, scarlet, black centre.  
**Picotee**, single, late, white, edged pink.  
**Golden Crown**, late, yellow, edged red.  
**Macrosylla**, single, late, deep pink.

The above are late and very late Tulips of great beauty. They are splendid in groups or beds, and elicit high praise. They are generally sold at fancy prices, being rare. I offer the collection of ten bulbs for 15 cents by mail; or by the hundred, equal quantities of each, at \$1.10, delivered at express office here.

## Collection D—Darwin Tulips, 10 Bulbs 20 Cents.

These New Tulips are noted for their rare and beautiful colors, and gaudy appearance. I offer bulbs of a very superior strain, and in the very finest named sorts. The colors are as follows:

<b>Darwin white.</b>	<b>Darwin black.</b>	<b>Darwin bronze.</b>	<b>Darwin pink.</b>	<b>Darwin scarlet.</b>
Deep Blue.	Light Blue.	Crimson.	Flesh-color.	Bouten d Or, yellow.

The Darwin Tulips originated in Belgium under the care of Louis Van Houtte. These I offer are an improvement of the original, effected by Krelage, in Holland. The plants grow two feet high, bloom in May and June, show flowers of enormous size and great substance, and of vivid and distinct self colors; hardy, will grow most anywhere, and last for years. Yellow is not found in Darwin Tulips, and I add the handsome tall botanical Tulip, Bouten d' Or, to complete the list of colors. The ten bulbs, 20 cents by mail; 100 bulbs delivered to express office here \$1.80.

## Collection E—Giant or Tree Tulips, 3 Bulbs 15 Cents.

These grow upwards of two feet high, branching like a tree, and bearing an immense flower at the tip of each branch. They bloom very late in the season, mostly in May or June, and are exceedingly showy in a group, or even in single specimens.

<b>Tree Tulip</b> , violet, striped white, of robust growth, each plant bearing several flowers, cup-shaped, and of great substance. 8 cts. per bulb.	<b>Tree Tulip</b> , scarlet with blue centre; vigorous, often two feet high, mostly branching, bearing large, showy flowers. 8 cts. per bulb.
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These Tree Tulips are hybrids from species found in Asia Minor. They require a deep, rich soil to develop perfectly, but are hardy, and may be regarded as of easy culture.

**SPECIAL OFFER:** I will mail the above described collections of Tulips, 42 bulbs in all, also a 10-bulb collection of the hardy, Orchid-flowering Iris, for 75 cents. Or, get up a club for five 15-cent Tulip collections (75 cents) and I will add any Tulip collection you may select, and include the 10-bulb Iris collection, for your trouble. The bulbs are all of large size, and could not be purchased singly at less than from 3 to 10 cents each. Cultural directions go with every package. Orders filled in rotation as soon as the bulbs are ready, which will be early in October. Address

**GEO. W. PARK, La Park, Pa.**

# Choice Bermuda Bulbs.

**Extra Bermuda Freesias**, large bulbs, sure to bloom, one bulb 2 cents, one dozen bulbs 20 cents, 100 bulbs \$1.25.

**Mammoth Buttercup Oxalis**, very large bulbs, certain to grow and bloom, one bulb 4 cents, one dozen bulbs 40 cents, 100 bulbs \$2.50.

**Zephyranthes or Daffodil Lily**, a small amaryllis of great beauty in pots. Colors white and rose. Either color, one bulb 4 cts., one dozen bulbs 40 cts., 100 bulbs \$2.50.

Four large Freesias and two Zephyranthes may be grouped together in a six-inch pot, while one Mammoth Oxalis is sufficient for a six-inch pot. I will mail the seven bulbs, for only 15 cents. Tell your friends, get up a club and order without delay.

**GEO. W. PARK, La Park, Lancaster Co., Pa.**

**AS A PREMIUM,** I will send you a large bulb of *Amaryllis Johnsoni* (retail price 35 cents), for a club of eight names (\$1.20), and will include **PARK'S FLORAL MAGAZINE** on trial to each member of the club. Full cultural directions with every package of bulbs. Get up a club and order at once.

## The Finest Polyanthus Narcissus.

The finest of all Narcissus for house culture are the Polyanthus varieties. The bulbs are sure to bloom well in winter even under unfavorable conditions, and every window gardener should grow them. I offer the three best, most distinct sorts, and the bulbs are large, sound and reliable. If you want to be sure of a fine display of beautiful and fragrant flowers the coming winter, do not fail to order a collection or more of these splendid bulbs. Price 5 cents each, or the three bulbs for 10 cents; three collections (nine bulbs) only 25 cents, mailed.

**Grand Monarque**, pure white with citron cup; large and beautiful, borne in splendid trusses.

**Gloriosa**, soft white with dark bright orange cup; very fine trusses.

**Grand Seliel d'Or**, beautiful golden yellow flowers in large trusses. This is the true golden Sacred Lily. One of the most beautiful of Polyanthus Narcissus; very fragrant.

*For winter-blooming treat these as you would Hyacinth bulbs. In the South they do well bedded out. They often do well even in Pennsylvania when bedded out.*

## Collection of Choice Hardy Narcissus.

**10 Splendid Named Sorts, Only 25 Cents.**

**Orange Phoenix**, Eggs and Bacon; very double, richly variegated orange and silver white, finely scented, beautiful; 3 bulbs 10 cents; each 4 cents.

**Sulphur Phoenix**, Codlins and Cream; full double, large, cream-white with yellow variegations; splendid rare sort; 15 cents each.

**Van Sion**, the charming, large, golden Daffodil; finest strain; very double, richly scented, 3 bulbs 10 cents; each 4 cents.

**Empress**, the Giant Single Daffodil; trumpet, rich golden yellow; perianth broad, white, and of great substance. 8 cents each, 80 cents per dozen.

**Barri Conspicua**, single, orange-yellow, richly stained orange-scarlet; beautiful; 6 cents each, 60 cents per dozen.

**Sir Watkin**, Single, primrose perianth, crown bright golden yellow, tinged orange, very large and handsome. 5 cents each, 50 cents per dozen.

**Mrs. Langtry**, single, broad, pure white perianth, crown white edged yellow; very handsome, 5 cents each, 50 cents per dozen.

**Poeticus ornatus**, an improved, beautiful variety; flowers large, pure white with crimson cup, coming into bloom early; fine for either house or garden. Each 3 cents, per dozen 25 cents.

**Ajax Princess**, single, sulphur white perianth, yellow trumpet, a very handsome variety, known as Irish Giant Daffodil. 3 cts. each, 30 cts. per dozen.

**Trumpet Maximus**, bright golden yellow with twisted perianth; immense in size, very beautiful, excellent for cutting; 6 cts. each; 60 cts. per dozen.



**THE ABOVE ARE ALL HARDY**, beautiful, fragrant Narcissus, the finest varieties. They may be planted out now, or potted for winter. They make a varied and beautiful group or bed. I supply very fine bulbs in the ten varieties at 25 cents, post-paid, or will mail 100 bulbs in the ten varieties for \$2.25. You cannot err in ordering this fine collection for your garden. The bulbs are sure to succeed. Cultural directions sent with every package.

## Bulbs for Cemetery Planting.

Bulbs are the most lasting, beautiful and desirable of flowers for planting in the Cemetery. Those I offer are hardy, will take care of themselves, even though hampered by grasses, and are sure to bloom every year. I freely recommend them. I offer the 12 bulbs for 25 cents, or five collections, 60 bulbs, for \$1.00, mailed, postpaid.

**1 Lilium Candidum**, the lovely Madonna Lily, trusses of beautiful, fragrant pure white trumpets, in mid-summer. Price 10 cents.

**3 Leucojum Estivum**, the elegant giant summer Snowdrop; grows a foot high, bearing big clusters of drooping white flowers. The 3 bulbs, 10 cents.

**1 Muscari botryoides alba**, the rare and charming white Grape Hyacinth; a beautiful early spring flower. Price 5 cents.

**3 Narcissus alba plena odorata**, the hardy, fragrant, white double Poet's Narcissus; one of our finest early spring flowers. The 3 bulbs, 10 cents.

**3 Narcissus biflorus**, a superb Narcissus; large, single white flowers in pairs; splendid. The 3 bulbs, 10 cents.

**1 Iris Florentina alba**, a glorious Fleur-de-Lis, grows a foot high, bearing great pearly white, fragrant flowers in May. Price 5 cents.

**THIS ENTIRE COLLECTION**, retail value 50 cents, will be mailed for 25 cents, or five collections, 60 bulbs, for \$1.00. You can find no bulbs more suitable for Cemetery planting than these. Order early, as the Lily should be planted so as to start growth in the fall. Address

**GEO. W. PARK, La Park, Lancaster Co., Penn'a.**

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## OCTOBER.

And now King Frost advances,  
With silent, stealthy tread,  
And lo! the leaves are turning  
To crimson, gold and red.  
The Oak and Birch and Maple,  
In gayest dress arrayed;  
In honor of his coming,  
Make bright each woodland glade.  
Norfolk Co., Mass.      Leucetia Banks Zastre.

## PLANTING OF BULBS.

**D**O NOT FORGET that autumn is the time to procure and plant the hardy bulbs such as Hyacinths, Tulips, Crocuses and Narcissus. These withstand

the most severe cold of winter and greet us during early spring with their bright and fragrant flowers. October and November are the best months to prepare and fill the beds—the earlier the better. Crocuses especially should be planted early to get the best results. The Mammoth Crocuses are of surpassing beauty for either window or garden, and are among the first to bloom in the spring; even before the snows of winter have entirely disappeared, we may find their bright little blooms peering up from their hiding place in the soil.

For a fine window display the large and finer sorts of Hyacinths and Narcissus deserve a prominent place, and seldom fail to bloom. Get large, well matured bulbs even if they are more expensive; they are more satisfactory for the window than the smaller bulbs. The larger bulbs will not only be sure to bloom, but each bulb will produce more and larger flowers. A large bulb of Roman Hyacinth will often produce sev-

eral large trusses, and one of Narcissus will also throw up a number of flower scapes. The smaller bulbs, however, are even better for out-door planting than the larger ones, as they produce finer flowers outside than they would if grown inside, and their beauty increases for several years, while the large bulbs may bloom finer the first year, then split up into small bulbs that require two or three years to bring to blooming size.

For a gorgeous display of bright colors on the lawn in early spring plant beds of Tulips both single and double, placing the bulbs rather close together, not more than three inches apart in the row, and having the rows about five or six inches apart. By planting both early and late Tulips alternately the season of bloom will be prolonged, and you will have a display of bloom which will be unsurpassed in beauty.

Clumps of Daffodil Narcissus are exceedingly fine for either the garden or lawn. They are early bloomers, and although not so brilliant as the Tulips, their fresh, clear flowers are handsome, and are very desirable for table decoration. When they are once introduced they will take care of themselves, and bloom year after year until they become too much crowded, and too deep in the soil to develop buds. Then it is best to lift the clumps and reset them.



**Black Lice on As-  
ters.**—A lady in Texas complains of Black Lice ruining her Aster plants. She should spray them with hot tobacco tea, or quassia chips tea. If these are not convenient use hot soap suds. Properly done this will eradicate the lice and save the plants.

# Park's Floral Magazine.

*A Monthly. Entirely Floral.*

**Geo. W. Park, Editor and Proprietor.**  
**LaPark, LANCASTER Co., PA.**

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THE EDITOR invites correspondence with all who love and cultivate flowers.

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**Bulbs After Blooming.**—After a Hyacinth, Narcissus or any hardy bulb has bloomed in the house, set it in a place where it will not freeze; continue to water it occasionally till spring, when it can be placed in the garden or flower bed. Such bulbs are so reduced by blooming in winter that they are, usually, not serviceable for that purpose again, but if planted in the garden their exhausted energies may be partially restored, and may become useful as outdoor plants.

**Mildew on Out-door Roses.**—When mildew attacks Roses, gather all the affected leaves and burn them, and syringe the plants with soapy water, made hotter than the hand will bear. Remove the top soil around the plant and replace with fresh soil in which is mixed a liberal quantity of flowers of sulphur, and dust the plants while wet with the same preparation.

**Brown Spots on Begonia Leaves.**—These are often caused by watering the plants in the glare of sunshine. The hot sun-rays falling on the wet leaves will scorch and brown them. To keep the plants free from dust syringe with clear water in the evening, always during clear weather. Give partial shade, a moist atmosphere and free drainage.

**Magnolia Seeds.**—Several months are required to start Magnolia seeds. They germinate very tardily.

## FUCHSIA LEAVES DROPPING

**W**HEN Fuchsias are over-watered or the drainage is insufficient, so that the soil about the roots becomes sour the plants invariably drop their buds and leaves. The soil should be turfy loam, woods earth and sand well mixed, and water should be judiciously applied. The plants will drop their leaves during the resting period, but this need not be a matter of uneasiness, as new foliage will appear as growth begins. Red spider will also cause the leaves to turn yellow and drop off. This pest is more troublesome when the plants are not syringed and the atmosphere is not dry.

**Amaryllis.**—The Johnsoni and Hybrid Amaryllis do well when treated as we treat Gladiolus, bedding them out in a sunny place in summer, lifting and drying off in autumn, and keeping in a frost-proof place over winter. Thus treated they bloom every summer. If you wish winter flowers pot them in fresh soil in the autumn, and in the spring, when their growth of leaves has been completed, place the pots on their sides under a dense shrub, where they will be dry and rather cool during the summer. Repot again in autumn.

**Freesias After Blooming.**—After Freesias are through blooming continue to water until the foliage fades; then dry off and place the pots on a shelf in a dry, frost-proof cellar till fall. The bulbs can then be taken out and repotted in fresh soil, watered and the growth renewed to secure another crop of flowers. When properly ripened the bulbs may be depended upon to bear flowers every season.

**Begonias.**—These plants, whether fibrous or tuberous-rooted, thrive in a light, loose, porous soil with good drainage. A good compost is made for them by piling up weeds, grass and walk-scrapings in summer, where the rains will keep the pile wet. By potting time in autumn the material will be rotted, ready for use. Mix a little sand with it before using.

**Mulberry Trees.**—Some of these bear staminate, and some pistillate flowers. The staminate flowers all drop off, and the tree is non-productive. The pistillate flowers drop too unless fertilized by the pollen or dust of the staminate flowers. Usually, however, they are fertilized and are productive. This will explain why some Mulberry trees fail to bear.

**Geranium Buds Blasting.**—The buds of Geraniums will frequently blast if the drainage becomes clogged and water stagnates about the roots. Sometimes it is caused by the plants becoming chilled. Turning the plants in the window will often cause the same trouble.

## BULBS FOR WINTER BLOOMING.

**F**OR blooming in the house the Hyacinths and Polyanthus Narcissus are always reliable. They may be grown in glasses or bowls, or in pots of earth. To grow the bulbs in water place them so the base of the bulb will barely touch the water. If bowls are used fill them with pebbles and lumps of charcoal and place a layer of moss over the top in which to bed the bulbs, then keep the bowl filled with water.



POLYANTHUS NARCISSUS.

To grow the bulbs in soil, use a compost of rich garden soil, sand and leaf-mould well firmed in the pot. Make a hole large enough to sink the bulb half its length and press the earth well about the bulb after placing. Water freely and set in a dark place. Whether they are grown in water or in soil the vessel containing the bulbs should be set in a dark, rather warm closet till roots form, then bring gradually to the light. If you wish flowers to develop quickly give more heat and sunshine. The flowers are mostly finer when brought out slowly in a cool atmosphere, and with not much direct sunlight. There is more danger from heat than cold.

**Mildew on Roses.**—During damp, murky weather in spring and summer outdoor Roses are subject to mildew. This appears as a mealy white substance upon the leaves. It destroys the beauty of the foliage, and arrests the development of buds. The common remedy is to dust the plant with a mixture of sulphur and lime, using a cheesecloth sack, so the material will distribute evenly. Some of the same mixture is also stirred in the surface soil about the roots.

**Begonias Dropping Leaves.**—Insufficient drainage and too much water will cause Begonia leaves to drop, and draughts of cold air striking the plants will have the same effect.

## FARFUGIUM GRANDE.

**F**ARFUGIUM GRANDE, sometimes called Leopard Plant, is fine for a shady window. It thrives in a moist atmosphere, with frequent shower baths. Its attractive beauty is the large,

soft, leathery leaves of a rich green texture, and splashed with creamy white spots. When well grown it



Farfugium Grande.

forms a mass of handsome foliage, the stems of the leaves starting from the crown of the plant. The bloom is inferior, and should be pinched out. Good loamy soil, drainage, shade, and plenty of pot room and sufficient water are its chief requirements.

**Non-Blooming Pæonies.**—When Pæonies fail to bloom remove the plants to a porous soil in an exposed situation. They will ripen in the autumn and be prepared to develop buds and blossoms the following season. Mulch the ground during summer with a liberal supply of stable litter. If ants are troublesome place chopped tobacco stems about the plants. If Pæonies will not bloom with this treatment procure tubers of other and more free-blooming varieties.

**Golden Glow.**—A Florida sister complains of her failure with Golden Glow (*Rudbeckia laciniata* fl. pl.) The plant is found in its single state in meadows and swamp land, and mostly in partial shade. The sandy soil, drouth and heat of Florida are doubtless not congenial to it. Those in Florida who have been successful with this plant may be able to give hints upon its culture. Reports are in order.

**Black Spots on Roses.**—Roses sometimes show black spots upon the leaves, caused by a fungus that spreads by spores. The leaves gradually turn yellow and drop off. It is well to remove and burn the diseased leaves as soon as they appear, and dust the plant with lime and sulphur, also working some of the material into the surface soil.

**Heterocentron Album.**—This is sure to bloom in winter. The flowers are white, in form like a Cherry bloom. It thrives in any good potting soil, but should be grown in a rather large pot, well drained. When well grown it forms a clump of vigorous stems and branches two or three feet high, which are wreathes of bloom.

**Frogs and Toads.**—To destroy sow bugs, slugs, snails and ants, introduce these into your garden or greenhouse. They will soon eradicate the pests.

## WOODS-EARTH AND LEAF MOULD.

**T**HERE is but little difference between woods earth and leaf mould, as the chief composition of woods earth is decayed leaves. What would be designated woods earth is a mixture of loam, leaf mould and often sand, while the leaf mould is simply decayed leaves. The latter can be prepared by gathering the fallen leaves into large heaps where they may be allowed to remain until thoroughly decayed. It is also procured by skimming it from the surface of forest soil, in places where the winds have drifted the leaves in heaps during past years. Oak and Elm leaves are considered best for leaf mould soil.

**Peat.**—This is the name given to soils formed by decayed vegetable matter, and is mostly procured from swamps where aquatic and marsh plants have decayed. What is known as peat bogs, frequently found in forests, are often formed by fallen trees obstructing the drainage of the surface water, causing it to stagnate or saturate the ground, and the luxuriant growth of marsh plants and bog mosses that inhabit damp places decay and form peat, while other plants spring up and renew the growth. Peat is a valuable soil when mixed with other soils, but in its crude state alone is not adapted generally for plants. Some plants, however, such as the *Calycanthus floridus* and *Kalmias*, are sometimes found growing in such soil, and hence are benefitted by having a portion of this swamp or peat soil placed around their roots each spring when growing on the lawn.

**Freesias.**—To meet with the best results in growing *Freesias* the bulbs should be procured and potted in August or September. Five or six bulbs may be placed in a five-inch pot, using porous, sandy soil, and barely covering the bulbs. The drainage should be good, and water applied sparingly till the tops push up, then increase the supply. After potting keep out-doors till cool weather. The pots should then be brought in and kept close to the glass, where the plants will get plenty of light, and they will not become slender. Avoid a hot, dry atmosphere. The plants bloom in four or five months from time of potting.

**Rose Bugs.**—These destructive garden insects can be overcome by spraying with fresh powdered hellebore, one ounce to two gallons of water, keeping well stirred while applying. The powder is made from the roots of *Veratrum album*, a hardy perennial plant found in Siberia, and is entirely harmless.

**Calla Seeds.**—These may or may not be soaked in water before sowing. They usually germinate when treated as you treat other seeds.

## FLORAL MISCELLANY.

### IMPATIENS SULTANI.

**T**HIS house plant is one of great merit, and should be more widely grown. I have had one for more than a year and it has been constantly covered with bright, rosy carmine flowers. It is readily propagated from cuttings. I break off the cuttings during warm weather, place them in bottles of water, and set them aside for a few weeks. In a very short time they are well rooted plants. I pot them in rich earth, and water them freely as soon as they commence to grow, and I soon have fine plants. They are very easily chilled by frost, and should be carefully housed during frosty weather. I have read that they make fine bedding plants for yards, but I have never tried them, for our summers are very dry, and the *Impatiens* require a great deal of moisture, so I fear they would not be a success here as a bedding plant.

L. E. H.

Douglas Co., Oregon, July 10, 1908.

**The Geranium.**—I am a lover of flowers, and possess many choice house plants, but my favorite is the *Geranium*. Its easy culture and prolific bloom commend it to the amateur flower raiser as an ideal house plant for the window. I have nearly all shades, ranging from white, peach pink, lavender and salmon to vivid scarlet and orange; some beautifully marked and variegated. I do not think it is wrong to express a distasteful opinion, but when anyone says they detest *Geraniums* I believe they do not know how to treat them to have them bloom well.

Mrs. C. H. S.

Delaware Co., N. Y., August 3, 1908.

**Hoya Carnosa.**—My *Hoya* is three years old from the cutting, and is budding to bloom, and oh! how slowly the buds grow. I have never seen the bloom, and I am expecting something fine. I have it in a west window that is shaded by a large oak. The soil is almost pure leaf mould.

Mrs. T.

Yuba Co., Cal., July 20, 1908.

**Kaiserine Rose.**—My white Kaiserine Rose has given better satisfaction this summer than any other. It is very fragrant, creamy white in color. I am thinking of getting the red Kaiserine to plant beside it, with the hope that they will bloom at the same time.

Mrs. E. S.

Kane Co., Ill., September 8, 1908.

## AMONG THE POPPIES.

FOR dazzling splendor combined with rich texture, yet lacking the gaudiness which suggests vulgarity, the Poppy vies with the Tulip; yet while the latter furnishes but a single blossom to a bulb, the Poppy continues to bloom for weeks. The range of color is wide and some of the variegations magnificent. While the bright hues predominate, some of the soft tones are frequent. A packet of mixed seeds is sure to give some specimens to suit every flower lover, and the pleasure of watching the buds unfold, the hope that there may be a new one worthy of a Burbank, gives additional interest to the plot.

Poppies delight in rich soil. The old-fashioned garden was an ideal spot, as the gay banners waving in the breeze abundantly testified. Our grandmothers never worried about saving seeds, they simply allowed some of the choicest blossoms to perfect the seeds, and nature did the rest. In spring Poppies were here, there and almost everywhere, and all that was necessary was to weed out those which came in objectionable places.

Poppy seeds, if sown, should be tucked into the ground very early in spring. Doubtless here is the secret of the success with fall sowing. Many seeds will make no headway, perhaps even rot, if the soil is cold and wet; but Poppy has no such inclinations. The seeds are so fine that it is almost impossible to scatter them thin enough; some prefer to mix them with sand before sowing on this account. Scatter promiscuously in beds and in front of shrubbery; but avoid rows, if you preserve the charm of the plant. Bessie L. Putnam.

Crawford Co., Pa., Mar. 31, 1908.

**English Ivy.**—The semi-hardy English Ivy is again popular. In the summer the pots (or tubs for old vines) may be placed on the veranda where the graceful sweep of the vines add to the attractiveness of the "open air" sitting room. In winter the vines may festoon the bay-window where blooming plants find a home, for like the Palm, the Ivy alone adds beauty to any room. Although of slow growth, its hardness makes this an excellent vine for pot culture. Reader.

Parke Co., Ind., Feb. 2, 1908.

## DOUBLE DAISIES.

MY beds of these lovely and easily grown plants are a delight for weeks, and the admiration of every one, they are so easily grown, and so pretty. Here in the South they bloom all winter and on until June or even later, if the weather is not too hot or dry. They require the same culture as Pansies, and delight in a deep, rich soil, with plenty of moisture at the roots.

Sow the seeds in boxes, or in a hot-bed in August or September. Transplant several times until the plants are strong and thrifty enough to be put in the bed, then set them six inches apart, in the bed, alternately. They will soon shoot out and cover the ground entirely. By Christmas they will begin blooming, and from then on you will have flowers for every one. I have grown the pure white, both double and semi-double. The red, both double and semi-double, and pink and white with red edged petals. They are all lovely, and no one can afford to be without them.

As cut flowers they are unexcelled, a dozen long-stemmed flowers with a frond or two of

Asparagus in a slender glass vase are lovely on the table, while a cut glass bowl filled with curled Parsley and dozens of the pretty Daisies, held upright by the Parsley leaves, is a center piece that is both beautiful and lasting. The cut flowers will keep almost perfectly for a month, if the water is changed occasionally.

Only give the Double Daisy one trial and you will never want to do without it again.

Mrs. Julian J. Matheson.

Marlboro Co., S. C., Sept. 10, 1908.

**My Christmas Cactus.**—I have a Christmas Cactus which is something extra fine. It is over three feet across and about two feet high. It is planted in a Japanese fish-kit, has plenty of water and rich soil. It is so large it stays on the porch the year round, and of course, it does not bloom until March and April. Last spring it had over a thousand blooms out at one time. It was a most magnificent sight. Every one says it is the finest specimen they have ever seen.

Mrs. J. H. Chinn.

Yuba Co., Cal., Sept. 10, 1908.



## OLD FASHIONED GARDEN.

**Y**ES, Ima, some of us have the double yellow Buttercup, and love it; at least I do. I am fond of old-fashioned flowers, and the plot of ground I cultivate is known hereabouts as "The Old-fashioned Garden". Here Hollyhocks, Dahlias, Chicory and all sorts of Sunflowers make a brilliant show. Altheas, both double and single, are in favor. Four-o'clocks line the walk. The ~~Crape~~ Myrtle has



ROW OF FIG-LEAVED HOLLYHOCKS.

become a tree. Lilacs, purple and white, expand to enormous sizes. The Judas tree has a central place in this garden, and the Purple-Fringe is really a tree. All kinds of Spireas run riot. Dearest relic of that garden of long ago in Massachusetts is the Burgundy rose—Button rose, some call it. It has been out of fashion for a quarter of a century everywhere else. I had one little sprig of it (taken in fond remembrance), and it has increased to a good-sized bed, it is so hardy and unassuming that one can but love it. Pinks of all kinds are here; and that so-called "Mullein pink" of my childhood, which is not a pink at all, but an *Agrostemma*. Mallows, who ever sees them



HELIANTHUS—SUNFLOWERS.

now-a-days? Balm, Wormwood, Fennel and Caraway are here also; and Chamomile. Please tell us Mr. Florist and Editor why, in those long ago days, the children were told to "tread it and make it grow"; I should like to know if

there was any virtue in doing so to the clump.

[Note.—The Chamomile thrives in a dry situation, and possibly the treading was done to stop the top growth and cause the plants to form roots, and also to firm the soil around the roots. This would prevent the water from permeating the soil so readily and collecting about the roots, and also protect them from the cold air in winter. Ed.]

Tiger Lilies and Striped Grass were in the old garden, and they flout in mine. Indeed, Lilies of all kinds I love. All kinds of Roses, all that seems lacking of those old sorts—such as the



DAHLIAS.

Cabbage Rose, the Damask, and the "Hundred-leaved rose," and the Queen Rosamond, a large single crimson with yellow stamens, very showy and very sweet. When it comes to Phloxes, the old purplish-crimson sort has to take a back seat, but I have one clump for old times'sake. These later ones are simply glorious. I marvel that so few modern gardens have them in quantity. I cannot get enough of them, and how easy they are to grow from seeds; if I were limited to our garden bed, it would surely be filled with the large-flowered Perennial Phlox.

Lydia W. Baldwin.

Kent Co., Del., Sept. 2, 1908.

**About Seedlings.**—Have any of The Floral Magazine family tried sowing *Gladiolus*, *Yucca*, Tiger Lilies, Blackberry Lilies, Cal. Privet, etc. I have, and they are doing bravely. I am trying some box seeds, but I do not know if I will succeed with them or not. Of the cute little *Yucca* plants (*Adams Needle*), I have hundreds about one inch in height.

Mrs. R. Winter.

Chaffee Co., O., Sept. 15, 1908.

**Stokesia Cyanea.**—Among some of the newer perennials in my garden this year is a plant of *Stokesia Cyanea*, or Stokes Aster, which is a beauty. The plant grows in habit like the Aster, blooming freely all fall. The Centaurea-like blossoms, each measuring four or five inches across, are of a beautiful color of blue, and are very silky and double. It is a very desirable perennial plant.

Ima.

Geauga Co., Ohio, July 2, 1908.

## THE BIRD OF PARADISE.

**T**HIS plant, known botanically as *Poinciana Gillesi*, is one of the most interesting ones which attract the California tourist, and will be recalled with pleasure by those who visited the grounds of the California Building at the Columbian. Its appearance there is proof that it bears transplanting, and the curiously shaped flowers always command attention.

It is best grown from seeds, and plants started early in pots should blossom the first or second season. The seeds are large, and the outer covering is so hard that even hot water does not always avail to soften them sufficiently for the embryo to burst through. A little careful work on one side with a file will open the plantlet's prison cell to the world.

The leaves are odd-pinnate, and resemble those of the *Acacia*, rendering the plant comely when not in flower. But the chief interest centers in the large clusters of yellow blossoms which open successively from base to tip, a single cluster remaining in bloom for weeks. The strikingly beautiful feature of the plant is the abundance of long crimson stamens which clothe the cluster with a dainty fringe. The pistil is also of the same intense red hue, and the popular name "Crimson Thread Flower" is most applicable. As the buds burst, seeds are seen beneath, exquisitely coiled, and proving nature to be a most skilled packer. The plant may be stored in the cellar through the winter, where it sheds its leaves, but is ready to renew foliage and flower in early summer. Bessie L. Putnam.

Crawford Co., Pa., Mar. 31, 1908.

**Perennial Phlox.**—Just the old-fashioned Gate Flower, you will say. No indeed! With cluster and size of bloom twice as large as the old-fashioned Gate Flower, they make a dazzling show. I have an immense clump of three colors, bright red in the middle, salmon and pink on the outside of group, which would make a picture worthy of the painter's brush. I wish you could see the fine show in my yard today. Methinks I could hear some Oh's and Ah's and praises of their beauty. Ima.

Geauga Co., Ohio, July 2, 1908.

**Geraniums.**—I have a Martha Washington Geranium in bloom now. It budded in February and chilled, and the buds blasted. It did not bloom again till June, and it has bloomed nearly ever since, and still has buds on it. Rachel Wright.

Bingham Co., Idaho, Sept. 5, 1908.

**Iceland Poppies.**—These are exquisite early spring flowers, but as far north as this should be treated as biennials, and young seedlings kept growing every year. They never stand in the garden two winters, here.

Rutland Co., Vt. Mrs. Mary E. Wilkins.

## VINCAS.

**W**HY don't some of you try a bed of Vincas? They are so easily grown from seeds, and as cut flowers they are unsurpassed, lasting in the hottest weather almost a week. The

rich green foliage sets off the lovely bright flowers to perfection. I have only grown 3 colors, a rich dark purplish pink, white with a red center, and pure white with a creamy center. They are easily started from seeds or cuttings; will re-seed themselves abundantly from year to year. They thrive in sun or shade, and if taken up before frost, will bloom in the greenhouse all winter. They come into bloom at a time when the garden is almost destitute of other flowers, and do not cease blooming until frost kills them.



Vinca.

Mrs. Julian J. Matheson.

Marlboro Co., S. C., Sept. 10, 1908.

**Delphinium or Larkspur.**—These old-time flowers are among the best summer flowering plants we have. They require no care during the hot, dry weather, and bloom profusely all the time. For a showy flower bed during dry weather, I would advise the planting of Larkspur seeds in the fall, in rich earth. I am sure you will not be disappointed. I have a bed of them now—the plants five feet high, and in full bloom. I have three colors—white, pink and bright blue.

L. E. H.

Douglas Co., Oregon, July 6, 1908.

**Gloxinia.**—I have a beautiful pink Gloxinia in bloom. It has, at the present time, twelve open flowers and over forty buds in different stages of development. The plant is one of a number I raised from a three-cent paper of seeds, three years ago. I have it in a 5-pound lard pail, of leaf mould. It is growing in the same receptacle and the same soil that it grew in last year. I give it some liquid fertilizer occasionally.

Mrs. C. A. Taylor.

Yuba Co., Cal., July 20, 1908.

**Boltonia.**—I have a thousand-flowered *Boltonia* that is a beauty. It is over six feet high and looks like a great white umbrella. It is rightly named, for there are thousands of lovely white Daisies with yellow centres. The buds are pink. One branch makes a nice bouquet. Coming into bloom after other Daisies are gone makes it more valuable. I can recommend it to all who, like myself, are partial to Daisies. It is as hardy as Golden Glow, and increases at about the same rate.

Mrs. E. Sheldon.

Kane Co., Ill., Sept. 8, 1908.

## TRUCK PATCH IN FRONT YARD.

I WOULD like to enter a plea against the "truck patch" in the front yard. I have seen beautiful and rare flowers planted in a patch which embraced almost the entire front lawn, and planted as thick as they could stand, without any regard to creed or color. The result was appalling. Associations with flowers, should give us an eye for the beautiful things of nature. Why buy and exchange, dig, plant and hoe, until our back aches, unless when we are through we have beautiful results? Each year's work and expense ought to bring more beauty, and there is no beauty in flowers not properly arranged. Again, a bed of flowers with great posts, all different sizes and heights, put in the ground and chicken wire fastened around the whole of it, to keep the chickens out! That is all right if one is raising flowers to sell, but if to beautify the lawn, better pull them up, root and branch and get rid of the whole business.

Why not plant the taller flowers in groups in the back lawn and the smaller in beds at the side, and arranged in an artistic manner. Let us learn a lesson from the flowers, and each day may our lives be more sweet and beautiful, that like them we may scatter sunshine, and our families, friends and neighbors will love us better. Mrs. Henry Poy.

Lorain Co., O., Aug. 8, 1908.

**Portulaca.** — The prettiest thing in the way of annuals that I have this summer is the Portulaca. An iron washboiler, with a hole in the bottom, was filled with soil from a rotted clover and straw pile, and the moss seedlings planted therein, the boiler being put where it receives sun all day. A better place would be where only the morning sun shone on it. How the plants have grown, until even the sides of the boiler are covered, and what a beauty it is now, literally covered with the rose-like flowers until noon or later. The only requirement of the Portulaca is rich loose soil, lots of water and "let me alone I will do the rest".

Emma Clearwater.

Vermillion Co., Ind., Aug., 1908.

**Cactus Blooming.** — If the lady from W. Va. would try hot water two or three times a week around her Cactus, it will bloom if it is ever going to bloom. I had one given me that was fourteen years old, and had never shown a bloom. I was rewarded in it having four immense scarlet flowers in a few months. It was covered with buds when a freeze took possession of every flower I had. That was in Canada not Florida.

Mrs. Nesbitt.

Brevard Co., Fla., May 14, 1908.

**Oleanders.** — Oleanders, although old-fashioned, are a continuous bouquet all through the summer, and are well worth the bother of giving them a resting time during the winter.

E. C.

Vermillion Co., Ind., Aug. 8, 1908.

## CALIFORNIA PEPPER TREE.

HOSE liking the curious, and also delight in experimenting with new plants should try the California Pepper tree, *Schinus molle*. It makes as admirable a pot plant in the conservatory as it proves a shade tree in the sub-tropical climates. Though not the true Pepper of commerce, it has a pungency in leaf and fruit which gives it a good claim to the name.

Plants are easily grown from seeds, and the dark green, finely cut foliage is highly ornamental. The blossoms are small, white, and produced in racemes. As the plant usually blossoms in February in cultivation, these delicate specimens with their spicy odor are agreeable in the extreme. The fruit is a small rose-colored berry borne in large clusters, and is decidedly handsome. We have never succeeded in securing more than blossoms in the window, but the berries are so decidedly different from those of any other plant, and so dainty in tint, that they are well worth working for. Considerable amusement may be derived from a curious quality of the leaves. If one of the leaflets is broken into about three pieces and thrown upon a plate filled with water, they will soon give a series of spasmodic jerks which make them seem like living creatures. This is caused by the exudation of oil, and is as brief in duration as it is interesting.

The plant may be kept in the cellar through the winter or until it shows signs of growing, when it should be placed in a window, where it will soon be in bloom. Bessie Putnam.

Crawford Co., Pa., Mar. 31, 1908.

**Begonias and Justicia.** — I got a collection of Tuberous Begonias last summer, and they were lovely. They bloomed well; some of them were as large as roses. They were greatly admired by everyone. We have another very satisfactory plant, a Justicia, which I got seven years ago. It is well worth growing for its lovely leaves and long pink heads of bloom. But I have never been able to start a slip of it.

Mrs. Trimble.

Ont., Canada, May 12, 1908.

**Oxalis Boweii.** — A neighbor brought in a piece of Oxalis Boweii one day last spring which had broken off of her plant. I suggested that it might slip, so put it in a pot and watered it; but in about two months it died down. On taking it up I found it had made no less than four pips. I dried them out and they are starting again.

F. L. Sinclair.

Rockingham Co., N. H., Sept. 8, 1908.

**Large-leaved Coleus.** — I have the largest leaved, and thriftiest Coleus I have ever seen. They are growing in a raised bed, in soil that is more than half dead leaves and coal-ashes, with some loam and a little stable manure. Some of the leaves are over six inches long.

F. L. Sinclair.

Rockingham Co., N. H., Sept. 8, 1908.

## ROSES—SOIL, SUN, CARE.

**R**OSSES are plants which stand the hottest sun in the hottest places; they require plenty of light and all the sunshine obtainable. That is to say, Roses should not be planted in shady places, be it behind houses or under trees. While a place exposed to the east sun or one exposed to the west may be well enough, a spot on the south side is better for a rose-bed.

Roses grow in almost any soil, the more liberal an admixture of loam is contained therein, the better it is. The main condition, however, is that the loam or soil, of whatever kind, it may be easily pulverized, not too dry and not swampy. Even the best of soil comes to be unsuited if allowed to dry out, for then it is rock-like, and the roots are not able to penetrate it. Whenever soil gets hard it must of necessity arrest the growth of plants. A subsequent application of water does not do much good, because the vitality in the plant body is strongly diminished.

More frequently it occurs that roses are hurt through vast applications of water. They should not be soaked daily because—as gardeners express it, “it keeps their feet too cold.” Uniform dampness of the soil with a stirred surface is what Roses like. A thorough soaking may be given once in four weeks, but in the meantime,

keep the top-soil well stirred. Whenever this top-soil gets to be real dry and dust-like, don't water, for you know that your Roses are not depending upon the dry surface, but on the damp soil beneath. This is just the condition they want. Therefore, lawn sprinklers should be placed far enough so as not to reach the warmth-loving Roses. Watering is more hurtful when it is done in the afternoon or evening, so that the Rose leaves are still wet at night. This will favor the growth of mildew and especially so in cold nights.

Many frequently wonder why Roses and other ornamental plants die out over winter. The reason is that these plants are not allowed to come to a rest because of watering being continued till late in autumn. This prevents plants from getting mature and ready for winter. It keeps them growing at a time when nature wants them to quit, and turn the sappy, partly herbaceous limbs into ripe wood. Often we may see that roses have died down from

the top part way. That shows how the soft and herbaceous tips suffer more than the lower and ripier wood. The more vigorous a plant grows in late summer or fall, the more surely will it be hurt in winter.

A good example as to how we ought to treat our trees and shrubs, is set by the successful fruit farmer. He cultivates the soil throughout the summer, and discontinues doing this shortly before the harvest. He knows that cultivation conserves water, and that a discontinuance of cultivation in late summer hastens the maturing of the wood and hardens it up to the terminal bud. The well-matured wood not only resists the cold of winter, but also brings a better flower the following season. Roses are much hardier plants than many imagine. They stand low temperatures fairly well, but cannot withstand ice on their limbs, freezing and subsequent thawing in sunshine. Therefore a good winter cover for Roses is one which keeps them dry, airy and shaded. For this purpose I suggest a cover of tar-paper,

above which a little soil may be put to hold it in place. Such a cover keeps the plants dormant, and prevents the sap from circulating in early spring when, often, bitter cold nights follow a day of warm sunshine. Follow these simple suggestions, and in the future you will be able to keep not only Rose bushes, but also the finer and more tender varieties.



BASKET OF HARDY ROSES.

I wish to impress once more the advisability to cultivate, and to abstain from frequent watering. Whenever a thorough soaking is applied, the soil must be stirred and kept loose to retain the moisture uniformly for a long time.

Soon after the blooming season is over, all old flowers should be cut off to prevent the formation of seed, which would mean a severe drain on the energies of the plant.

While pruning Roses in the spring, remove all the small and knotty wood and shorten the long canes to about half their length. This will bring sound and vigorously growing limbs, which produce first-class flowers.

The foregoing is not theory. We have tried it in our city gardens and our work has been attended with success. J. G. Sempelt.

Spokane Co., Wash., Aug., 17, 1908.

[NOTE.—It should be borne in mind that summer-blooming Roses bear their flowers upon the old wood, and require only frost-bitten or sickly parts to be cut away in spring. Pruning the live wood of this class should be done in summer, immediately after the flowers fade.—Ed.]

## FLORAL POETRY.

### MOVING OUT.

The North wind veering to the South,  
Complaining went his way;  
And what he murmured to the fires,  
I will repeat today.

"Too long I've tarried in the North,  
Amid the ice and snow;  
My summer friends no welcome give,  
No smiles on me bestow.

They sigh to hear me trumpeting,  
When autumn frosts appear;  
And wish me back in Labrador,  
With Esquimaux and deer.

I toil and blow both day and night,  
And fill my snow-drifts high;  
I climb the mountain tops and rend  
The storm-clouds in the sky.

I level cities in my path,  
And lay the forests low;  
And on the mighty ocean's breast,  
I revel in my woe.

And yet no monument have I,  
For all my battles fought;  
My boldest raids on land and sea,  
Have often mischief wrought.

I think I must misguided be,  
I'll try another plan;  
I'll sing and dance 'neath Southern skies,  
And do the good I can.

And so I'm moving out today,  
My goods will follow soon;  
And when I come again this way,  
I'll bring the scent of June.

S. Minerva Boyce.

Washington Co., Vermont, Jan. 25, 1908.

### HELIOTROPE.

I ne'er behold its fragrant, purple bloom,  
But there returns once more,  
A face that long since mouldered in the tomb,  
A smile that lifted from my heart its gloom,  
In those blest days of yore.

No other blossom o'er my soul can fling  
A spell which binds so fast;  
Its faintest perfume, wafted by, doth bring  
Unto my heart loved memories, which will cling  
And life itself outlast.

Anna M. L. Rossiter.

Suffolk Co., Mass., August 13, 1908.

### OCTOBER.

A hint of frost the breezes hold,  
The woodlands flush to red and gold;  
Now rich reward the reapers win,  
As harvest sheaves are garnered in;  
And day by day, in chattering bands,  
The birds set out for summer lands;  
While afternoon gives place full soon  
To evening lit by hunter's moon,  
And earth takes on a garment sober  
To mark the passing of October.

Mrs. E. W. Mace.

York Co., Maine, July 31, 1908.

### FAIREST OF ALL.

Out in the garden the whole summer long,  
Flowers are blossoming bright;  
Nodding farewell in the morning to me,  
Bidding me welcome at night;  
Smiling a greeting to each passer-by  
Over the vine-covered wall:  
Tell me, O you who love flowers so well,  
Which is the fairest of all?

Golden Forsythia, sunlight of spring,  
Splendor of Fire-bush red,  
Tall, purple Lilac, that, drunk with perfume,  
Droop their dim clusters o'er head,  
Pæonies crimson, and Pæonies white,  
Mock-orange, dear to the bees;  
Then June advances and brings us the Rose,  
What can be fairer than these?

Rose, be not jealous, but I know a flower  
Sweeter than you are, I swear:  
Lilies, that grow by the side of the path,  
There is another more fair;  
Brave-hearted annuals, lifting your heads,  
Here by the board-walk along,  
There is a flower more lovely than you  
Blossoming all the year long.

Sometimes it blooms where the Pansy-beds glow  
Or by the Hollyhocks tall;  
Sometimes it climbs like the rankest of vines,  
Clear to the top of the wall;  
'Twould not surprise me to find it some day  
Up in the Crab-apple tree.  
Each time I see it, 'tis lovelier far,  
Sweeter, and dearer to me.

Look, now! Tonight it is outside the gate,  
Out in the dust of the street,  
Face all a-blossom and arms open wide.  
Find me a flower as sweet!  
Search out the beauties of tropical lands,  
Number them all by their names;  
When you are finished there will not be one  
Lovely as "my little James."

F. L. Sinclair.

Rockingham Co., N. H., Sept. 8, 1908.

### RED LEAVES.

Come, Autumn, fling your red leaves down!  
Let not old earth go bare,  
Because the summer birds have flown,  
Died out the summer glare!  
The flowers have drooped on pensive stems,  
No more breathe sweet perfume;  
The winds sigh low their requiem,  
Come fling your red leaves down.

With wraithly step of summer day,  
You visit us once more,  
And you your handsel gently pay,  
A pledge to follow o'er.  
The hills you glint with ruby red,  
The year's rich dazzling crown,  
A funeral torch for what is dead:  
Come, red leaves, fling you down!

So I will plant upon my lawn,  
Acacias from Japan,  
To cheer me in the early dawn,  
Vine—maples where I can;  
And my red leaves will steal a march  
On Autumn's busy plan,  
And mine, a bright, triumphal arch,  
Will gleam ere her's began!

Louisa A. Nash.

Lincoln Co., Oregon, Aug. 8, 1908.

### A PANSY FOR THOUGHT.

Pansies seem like human faces,  
Looking kindly into ours;  
How they brighten barren places,  
With their wealth of countless flowers.

Anna M. L. Rossiter.

Suffolk Co., Mass., Aug. 10, 1908.

## GOOD-BYE! AU REVOIR!

Good-bye! Au revoir, little birds of the air,  
You are flocking to homes far away;  
No more at the dawn your sweet matins we'll share,  
Or vespers at close of the day.  
Your lone nests will hang twixt the earth and the sky,  
Those that you builded so well  
In the tops of the maples and lindens so high,  
That your birdlings in safety might dwell.

Good-bye! Au revoir, little birds of the air,  
Through winter so dreary and long;  
We still will remember your music most rare,  
And cherish the soul of your song;  
Hope and faith you so blended in carols divine,  
Though stormy the morning and sad,  
We knew that the sun in its glory would shine,  
And our hearts would be happy and glad.

Good-bye! Au revoir, little birds of the air,  
Return with the spring-time we pray,  
No hills would be bright and no woodlands be fair,  
With our dear little songsters away;  
Come back to home nests when soft breezes blow,  
And sing your clear carols of old,  
The maples and lindens will welcome you so,  
Their leaflets your nestlings enfold.  
Tioga Co., N. Y., Aug. 10, 1908. Ruth Raymond.

## FALL.

Now comes these days when through the haze,  
We note the year's completeness;  
Though Bitter-sweet its fruit we greet,  
The days brim full of sweetness.

The wild Woodbine disports its vine,  
Abaze a tree embraces,  
Nor takes away from day to day  
Its support's gentlier graces.

While Goldenrod gilds bright the sod  
Of all the season's phases,  
That time is best when we can rest  
Amid the Michaelmas daisies.

Let poets sing of songs of spring,  
Of sunny summer bringing,  
The days of fall, the best of all,  
Or winter's sleigh-bells ringing.

Let this be mine when tree and vine  
Sends home the scowler suited;  
When Nature's voice bids us rejoice,  
That God's good vows have fruited.  
Ulysses R. Perrine.  
Wayne Co., Mich., Sept. 10, 1908.

## THE VIOLET.

A Violet grew in a shady dell;  
It was a dear, a lovely flower,  
Come, listen to the tale I tell,  
For if I can but have the power,  
I'll tell you of this humble flower.

It grows, not boasting, straight and tall,  
In flower, stem or leaf,  
But those who love it, one and all  
Gather its blooms in love, or grief;  
And in its sweetness, find relief.

Hannah Lightfoot.

Wichita Co., Tex., Aug. 3, 1908.

## QUEEN OF THE GARDEN.

Oh Roses, drifting leaflets,  
Within our garden fair,  
We breathe the sweetest fragrance  
Upon the balmy air.

Thou queen of all the flowers,  
None can with thee compete,  
Then sway and drift thy petals  
In showers, 'round our feet.

Pike Co., Ky., Aug. 5, 1908. Hulda Hatfield.

## THE ENCHANTED GROUND.

In grandmother's garden, where, long, long ago,  
So often I lingered in mid-summer's glow,  
If you ramble with me I will show you what grew  
In grandmother's garden so long, long ago.

Here great clumps of Lilacs, so early in bloom,  
Fill all the spring air with delicious perfume;  
There sentinel Hollyhocks, stately and tall,  
In summer flaunt banner and plume o'er the wall.

Here are grand Tiger Lilies and fragrant blue Balm,  
Our eye to delight and our senses to charm;  
Fair Blush Rose, so chaste, with her friends Rich-  
mandale,  
Carnation, Sweet William, rich incense exhale.

Blue Monk's-hood stands stately, while Columbines  
nod  
To sweet Johnny-jump-ups, all over the sod;  
O dear little Johnny, the ladies' delight!  
From snow-time till frost-time, no Pansy more bright.

Here's "Young man's politeness," so daintily blue,  
And "Venus's looking-glass," looking at you,  
With Pink, Dandelion and striped Ribbon-grass,  
And fragrant, sweet May-weed to charm as you pass.

Sweet Mignonette modest and gay London pride,  
Coreopsis, Wallflower and sad Mourning Bride,  
Musk, Bachelor's Button and proud Marigold,  
And gaudy Nasturtium the dewdrops to hold.

Let us see now who'll gather the prettiest nosegay,  
And find for its centre a Southernwood spray,  
Whose breath is so balmy, 'tis sure of a place  
In every bouquet, in every vase.

But where's the herb bed?—In this corner it stood;  
Here Horhound, Mint, Tansy and bitter Worm-  
wood,  
Hyssop, Catnip and sweet Summer Savory grew,  
To brew for your cold or to flavor a stew.

Then oh, in late autumn, when flowers were gone,  
When evenings grew lengthy and Beechnuts were  
brown,  
'Twas sweet the delights of the orchard to know,  
In grandmother's garden—oh, long, long ago.

What glad hours we spent 'neath those blossoming  
trees,  
'Mid perfume of flowers and humming of bees!  
Oh, spot of enchantment! None fairer I know  
Than grandmother's garden, so long, long ago.

Aunt Sara could write much more about "The  
Enchanted Ground," but any boy or girl who has  
"bobbed in" for apples, and cracked Beechnuts  
around the Hallow'een fire can guess the rest.

Aunt Sara.

Ronlean, Sask. Canada, August, 1908.

## THE FIRST ARBUTUS.

The Rose is born of the summer breeze,  
The Violet opes 'neath greening trees,  
The Hair-bells bend in the rocky glade,  
When May suns gleam through Maple shade;  
But Arbutus comes when the hills are bare,  
And brown leaves flutter and March winds flare.  
Searching for honey the grave bee goes  
(He is scarce awaked from winter's doze)  
From mead to meadow, till stopping here,  
He sips the sweets of the new-born year;  
The maiden, too, with her joy replete,  
Comes dancing along on fairy feet,  
Her lips as pink as the bud she holds:—  
And each the promise of June enfolds.  
The one is the June love brings the heart,  
The other June of the wildwood's art.

Charles Henry Chesley.

Rockingham Co., N. H., Aug. 31, 1908.

## CALIFORNIA GARDENING.

## LUCK WITH FLOWERS.

DEAR FLOWER FOLKS:—

I AM a lover of flowers, and have many choice Roses and a few shrubs started. We have our home in a mountain chain away out here in California. The climate is almost perfect here, and one can raise nearly anything their heart desires. I have a beautiful lawn, and on either side of the walk from the house to the front gate, in the centre of the lawn, I have two round beds, one filled with Crocuses and the other with Tulips. In some beds I have also bulbs of Lilies, Montbretias, Platycodon, etc. As the Crocuses and Tulips bloom early and



Crocus.

the other plants later, we have a fine display of flowers throughout the season.

Then I have a bed for Cannas, Gladiolus and Tigridias, and bordering the lawn are Annuals and Roses in great variety. The Roses are thus kept free from grass, which is necessary to their best development. In front of the house is a beautiful shade in summer, as we have poplar trees planted there, and keep them low and bushy by topping. They make a grand shade, and are very ornamental as well. Among the branches the wild birds gather and sing so sweetly that I often stop weeding and listen to their charming chorus.

Mrs. C. H. Quigley.

Siskiyou Co., Cal., Feb. 3, 1903.

**Cactus and Begonia in Water.**—

Do you know that the Christmas Cactus, *Epiphyllum truncatum*, will live and bloom in water? I have had two quite large branches of it in water since planting time last spring—about the second week in May. One is on a shelf in a western window, in a pickle bottle. It developed a large bunch of roots, and had two flowers of the usual size, about Christmas. The other plant, on the mantel of the same room, where it gets but an hour's sunlight a day, is just opening its one flower.

A white spotted-leaf *Rubra Begonia* has been in water on the mantel since June, and has grown ten fine leaves on a single stock. I seldom change the water, and have put nothing in it.

E. D. R.

Flushing, L. I., N. Y., Mar. 12, 1903.

**Standbys in Flowers.**—To be sure of blossoms through favorable weather, and weather otherwise, procure the hardy, spring and summer bulbs, the perennials, and hardy shrubs. Then if the weather is adverse, and the wells threaten to fail, you can yet be assured of many cheery blossoms.

E. C.

Vermillion Co., Ind., Aug. 8, 1903.

WE hear women say they have no luck with flowers, cannot spare the time to care for them, etc. I have eighty house plants, seventy-five tea roses and hundreds of hardy plants and bulbs. I live on a farm, do all the work for a family of nine, write for two papers and have twenty-five floral correspondents. I am a minister's wife and attend to his work in his absence. All this is not done by "luck" but work. The house plants are watered after the children are put to bed, the yard plants are weeded or hoed on some cool cloudy day, and are mulched with manure in July, so they need no more care through fruit time but to keep seed pods picked off. After all I have lots of time to enjoy my children and flowers.

Mrs. Sade M. Jones.

Fulton Co., Ark., Aug. 15, 1903.

**Native Fruit-bearing Shrub.**—

Mr. Editor:—I enclose flowers and leaves from a little shrub found wild here in the woods. Will you please tell me the name of it? The plant is about six feet high.

Charles Eller.

Knox Co., O., Apr. 25, '08.

ANS.—The name is *Amelanchier Botryapium*, known as Shadbush and Swamp Sugar Pear. It is a near relative of *A. Canadensis*, the common Service or June-berry, but differs in being of dwarf growth, and bearing foliage densely covered with a silky pubescence (see illustration.) The relation is so close that some botanists regard this as a variety of *Amelanchier Canadensis*. It is found in swamps and moist soil from New Brunswick to Manitoba, Florida and Louisiana, while *A. Canadensis* is mostly found in dry soil in the same territory. The fruit of both is scarlet, ripening in June and July, and is edible.—Ed.



**Rose and Philadelphus.**—I have a fine clump of *Philadelphus grandiflorus* in the back yard. Beside it is a tall-growing single pink Rose which blooms at the same time, and the effect is lovely.

Mrs. E. S.

Kane Co., Ill., Sept. 8, 1903.

**For White Worms.**—To eradicate the little white worms that infest the soil of house plants use a teaspoonful of camphor to about a pint of warm water, and water the soil with the liquid.

Mrs. J. T. Hayward.

Oneida Co., N. Y., June 5, 1903.

**Double Petunias.**—Double Petunias are very desirable plants. The blossoms are lovely, and they are very strong growers and prolific bloomers. "Striking" is a fine variety; the very large variegated blossoms are borne continuously.

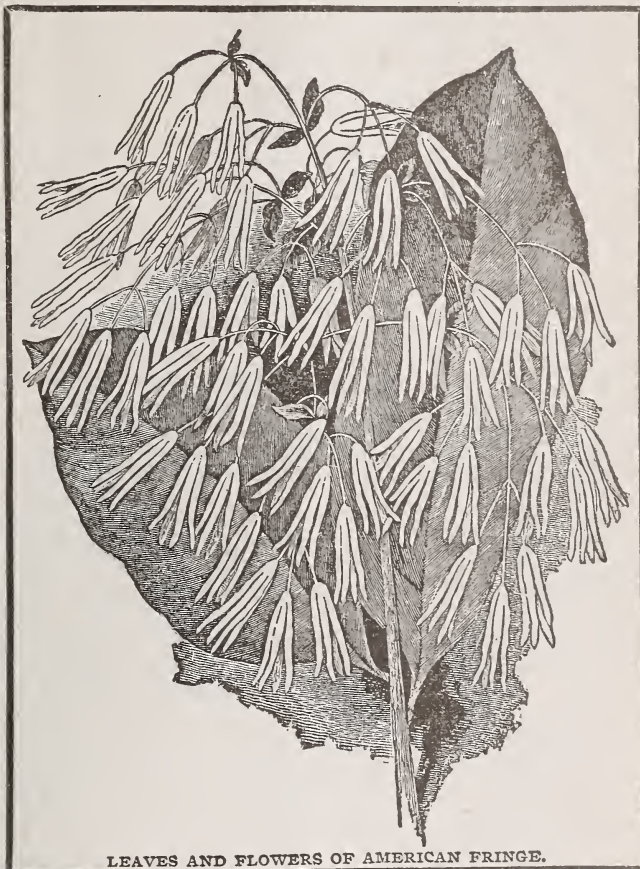
Emma C.

Vermillion Co., Ind., Aug. 8, 1903.

## THE AMERICAN FRINGE.

**C**HIONANTHUS VIRGINICA, commonly known as American Fringe, is a large shrub, or small tree, found native in the Atlantic Coast States from Delaware southward. It has large, obovate leaves, dense and handsome, and in May or early June it bears drooping panicles of lovely, fringe-like flowers, as shown in the illustration, from which the common name is derived.

Under favorable conditions this shrub will grow 30 feet in height, and is valuable as a low shade tree, as its handsome foliage and very showy flowers give it an admirable ornamental character. The flowers are followed by brown nutlets a half inch in length, and from these propagation is very readily effected. The shrub or tree is certainly deserving of more attention, being of rapid growth, free-blooming every season, and of easy culture.



LEAVES AND FLOWERS OF AMERICAN FRINGE.

**Green Aphis.**—We keep Carnations and Chrysanthemums clean and free from this pest in winter by keeping three or four Lettuce plants in the pots. Of course we give those plants a shower bath once a week. We had splendid success following the above method last Easter. Mrs. F.

Oneida Co., N. Y., August 10, 1908.

**Black Gnats.**—If you are troubled with these cover the soil in the pots with wood soot. It will kill the little black gnats, and is beneficial to the plants. Mrs. C. L. Stanley.

Decatur Co., Iowa, June 15, 1908.

**A Good Cemetery Plant.**—Achillea would certainly be a fine cemetery plant, as drouth and wind seem to affect it but little.

Emma C.

Vermillion Co., Ind., Aug. 8, 1908.

## ABOUT MY GARDEN.

**I** ALWAYS loved flowers, but neglected their culture until this year, on account of poultry. Last spring, however, we fenced a plot 16 by 30 feet, growing flowers in front and vegetables in the rear, and this little garden has been a source of beauty, pleasure and profit.

The flowers were planted in rows six or eight feet long, and I had beautiful flowers of Gladiolus, Chrysanthemum, Zinnia, Coxcomb, Portulaca, Carnation, Nasturtium, and many others. I also had Caladiums, Dahlias and Hollyhocks, and a fine display of Madeira and Cinnamon vines, Japanese Morning Glories and other climbers that added much to the garden's beauty.

The plants have bloomed freely all summer, and I have picked over a hundred bouquets and have plenty of flowers left. I love Ferns and Roses, but they do not thrive for

me. I have a half-barrel of Water Hyacinths, full and running over, and the plants are just beginning to bloom. My hardy Hydrangea had forty big clusters on it, and was much admired. Every fall I sell some of it, and so many want to buy that I can hardly keep a stalk.

The cool breezes blow this afternoon as though fall were pretty near, and in a few weeks the frost will appear and mar the beauty of our garden plants and flowers.

Harrison Carr.

Clinton Co., Ala., Aug. 11, 1908.

**Eucharis Amazonica.**—My Eucharis Amazonica bloomed this summer, and words cannot describe the beauty of this flower. I have had the plant two years. I read somewhere after I had it ordered, that it was not suitable for house culture, and I was sorry I sent for it. I am not sorry now, as it is a lovely plant when not in bloom. I. S. B.

Wayne Co., Iowa, Sept. 18, 1908.

## THE SNOWFLAKE ROSE.

When our boys one summer morning  
Slipped out to the garden there,  
Quick they spied a Rose adorning  
A wee bush with beauty rare.

Called us all to see the wonder,  
And what thoughts it brought to mind  
As we stooped to gaze and ponder,  
On the goodness of their find.

There the bush, planted, neglected,  
'Mid the weeds it slowly grew,  
But the fairest bloom perfected,  
From the soil, and sun, and dew.

Petals white as angels' pluming  
On the heights of Paradise,  
Or as pure as frost assuming  
Fairy forms, adown the skies.

Then the flower recalled that drama  
Blended with the Hindus' fame,  
When for Rose's sake great Brahma  
Yielded place to Vishnu's name.

'Tis the story that they tell us  
From their legendary lore;  
(Often fancy may compel us  
Over curious tales to pore.)

So we read their words surprising—  
Vishnu resting at the pool  
Saw a lotus bud arising  
From the limpid waters, cool.

As the petals slowly parted  
Brahma stepped from out its heart,  
In decisive tones he started  
For to take the Lilies' part.

"In the wide world I'd remind you  
Nought excels the lotus there!"  
"Come," said Vishnu, "I will find you  
One surpassing all and fair!"

"One that your orb of waters  
Wanes her splendor into night,  
As the moon outlines her daughters  
In the galaxy of light.

"Then," said Brama, "if this maid  
Proves the lesser of the two  
My chief place within the triad  
I will surely give to you."

So, each for his choice contented—  
Said no fairer flower could be;  
'Til the twain their courses wended  
Vishnu's cherished bloom to see.

As they entered in the bower  
The Preserver well had made,  
Lo, they saw a cream-white flower  
Rising in the pearly shade!

Then fair Lakshmi stepped from out it,  
"Vishnu's bride I'm sent to be,  
('Tell," she said, "mankind about it),  
For thy steadfast loyalty."

Bloom on pearl of Vishnu's palace—  
Fairest gem of all that grows—  
Sweeter than the Lily's chalice,  
Queen of flowers art thou, oh Rose

Though we know 'tis but a fable,  
Still, like Paul at Athens, where  
They'd an unknown god, were able  
To perceive the moral there!

They who undertake emprises  
Like the Hindus in their guest,  
Shall receive such sweet surprises  
Nature nestles at her breast.

Those who seek for beauty's treasure  
In this grand old world of ours  
Shall receive in heaped-up measure,  
From the storehouse of the flowers.

Ulysses R. Perrine.

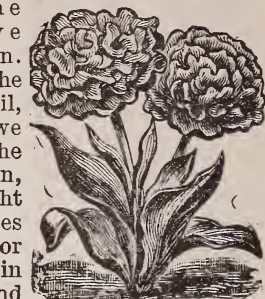
Detroit, Mich., Aug. 25, 1908.

## BULBS IN OREGON.

WE do not lift our bulbs here, but the moles frequently lift them for us, so we plant them in large boxes or tubs sunk in the

ground, where we want them to remain.

In the fall, after the rain softens the soil, we dig them out if we need to, so as to get the soil in good condition, and set them right back. It never freezes here over an inch or two, so we set them in about four inches, and they are all right, and bloom finely. I have quite a lot of bulbs, including Hyacinths, Tulips, Narcissus, etc.



Double Tulip.

Mrs. E. V. Thompson.

Scottsburg, Oreg., Sept. 16, 1908.

**Japanese Berberis.**—I have some very beautiful Japanese Berberis I raised from seeds. I planted the seeds in the fall just as taken from the bushes and covered them with a flat stone to protect them from marauding animals. The tiny plants never fail to appear in the spring. Of course I remove the stone early, so they can come up. When the plants are large enough I transplant them to where I want them to grow.

Mrs. M. J. Brown.

Plymouth Co., Mass., July 31, 1908.

**Non-blooming Roses.**—I saw the inquiry of the Nebraska lady in the last number of the Magazine concerning a non-blooming Rose. As I had one of the Mary Washington Roses that did not bloom, but covered the entire side of the house I concluded to experiment at the risk of killing it. So I cut it back more than half. The next season it had a great many blooms on it and the last two seasons has been covered with bloom.

Mary A. Robinson.

Newcastle Co., Del., Aug. 24, 1908.

**Those who Fail.**—I love flowers so well I encourage everyone I can to raise them, and my children love them as well as I do. But I have nothing for those who are always begging flowers, and by neglect let them die, then when asked to send with you for seeds or plants, say, "Oh, I wouldn't pay out money for flowers. I can get all I want for nothing."

Mrs. M. Mason.

Washita Co., Okl., Apr. 28, 1908.

**India Rubber Plants.**—Two years I have been successful in rooting India Rubber plants in water, just as Geraniums, Dianthus, and many other cuttings. A month will develop roots for potting.

Mrs. Sewall Fisher.

Suffolk Co., Mass., July 31, 1908.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Interesting letters have been received from Myrtle Corbin, Neb., whose aunt has taken the Magazine five years; Ethel M. Taylor and Helen M. Dow, both of Adams, Mass., who walk a mile to school and whose letters are the first they have ever written; Ellis Warren, Pa., 9 years old, who has a flower bed of his own; Servia Beckett, Maine, 10 years old, who sends the following verses:

There was a little birdie  
Singing on a forest tree,  
And it sang a song one morning  
That was sweet as sweet could be.

Would you know what sang the birdie  
In that leafy forest tree,  
In its joyous strain that morning?  
"God is good, He cares for me."

Helen Ross, 8 years, whose favorite flower is the Pansy; Vera Ahl, Kansas, who has no pets, but has a piano and takes music lessons; Carrie McGrew, Neb., who is starting a flower garden of her own; Elsie Yugatt, Mo., who has a pet kitten named Tim; Anna Simon, Ill., 12 years, who goes to school; Madeline Grimes, 10 years, who writes me her first letter, and who has four birds, a polly, and a dog for pets; Blanche Karman, Ohio, who has four ducks, and who had a coon, but it went away; I. Zona May, Davidson Co., Tenn., 6 years old, who has two hens named Yellow and Brown; also Lelia May, 10 years, who has a dog named Jenkins; Belford Cheadle, Newark, Ohio, 12 years old, who sends the following verses:

I hear a note so clear and sweet,  
What is it?  
The bird we dearly love to greet—  
The red-breast robin.

From early dawn till fades the light,  
We hear its welcome trill,  
We dread the day it takes its flight,  
We want it singing still.

Mamie C. Kemp, Mass., who writes on her birthday; Estella Butterfield, Pa., who has \$5.00, and has lots of fun playing with them; Lois Stratton, Pa., who loves flowers; Cora James, Ky., who works in the garden, and tends mamma's chickens; Hazel A. Brown, N. Y., who lives on a farm and has a garden of her own; Ruth Vandine, Kansas, who had to stop writing and go and help her mamma get dinner; Mary D. Keeton, Ky., who has two large beds filled with plants; Mary Gillions, Va., who likes the Children's Corner; Alice G. Heim, Neb., who has nine little lambs that she loves to see skip and play; Nina Shaw, Cal., who has lovely Pansies; Maude Wallace, Ga., who lives on a farm and enjoys the summer; Bonnie Spencer, Oklahoma, who has a turkey gobbler that fogs her every time she goes near him; Margie Pallock, Wis., who loves to pick Violets and Mayflowers; Lucille Stewart, Mich., who did not miss a school day last year; Elizabeth Lewis, Oklahoma, who likes country life; Russell O. Beers, N. Y., who loves trees; Aletta Jackson, Kansas, who has been to Sunday school every day for 1½ years; Merle Skeneno, Texas, who has a flower garden all her own, and a little pet lamb; Audrey Hanks, S. D., a little farm girl who has Bantam chickens; Florence Klusmire, Kansas, whose mother has taken the Magazine for a long time; William Brooks, Fall River, Mass., a city boy who has 20 rabbits, 27 ducks, two white rats and two mud turtles for pets; Ula May Reid, Oklahoma, a farmer's daughter 10 years old, who is organist at their church; Leona B. Klusnire, Kansas, who has four pet pigs; Ida B. Adkins, W. Va., who has nine dolls; Ray Paddock, Vermont, who is going to be a minister when he becomes a man; Ella Moilier, Wis., who lives on a farm, and has a calf named Dandy; Amos Crosby, Kansas, whose mother has been taking the Magazine for 15 years; Mattie Campbell, Wash., whose favorite flowers are Pansies and Roses; also Carrie Campbell, who likes to gather wild flowers; Emma Lelo and Jessie Augney, Landisburg, Pa., who are school mates; Evelyn Wooster, Mo., who has four pet lambs and three Bantams; Martha Thomas, Pa., who has a pet Canary and cat,

## THE CAT QUESTION.

Dear Mr. Park:—For years I have had both cats and canaries, two or three of each at the same time, and I have yet to have any birds molested by any of my cats. Since we first came to this place, now our home, the robins have nested and reared their young in a clump of Oak and Fir trees near the house, and never until this year have they been disturbed, and it was not cats, but two miserable little wretches of boys about ten years old, who climbed the tree while we were not watching, and shook the young birds to the ground. I would rather have a dozen cats on my premises than two such boys. They would do less mischief.

Again if domestic animals were better fed there would be less complaint. My heart has ached many a time to see three cats and two or three dogs about a place, gaunt, starved skeletons that looked as if they never had a full meal in their lives, yet the owners who are starving them would think it cruel to kill them. A well-fed cat does not trouble herself much about birds, and a dog that has plenty to eat does not run around at night killing sheep, unless he gets into bad company.

Moral: Feed your cats, and see if they do not behave better. Mrs. E. F. Inman.

Waterville, Ore., June 15, 1908.

[Note.—This letter is full of common sense and good advice. The fat, sleek, well-fed cat, that has its rug by the kitchen fire, is not likely to become a bird-catcher, unless it gets into bad company, and bad companions making their appearance should be promptly disposed of. They are rarely of any value as mousers. But what of the boys. They were doubtless never taught the beauty of a bird, the delight of its song, or the cruelty of molesting or killing it. Alas that kindness and love and joy are not found in every home, and life to many is anything but happiness. We feel sorry for the boy whose parents do not try to cultivate the finer instincts—the love of flowers, birds, animals, poetry and song. It is of this class that the awful stories of theft and murder and poverty are recorded in the daily papers. The better nature should be cultivated in every way, in home, in school, and by law and example, that the rising generation may become useful citizens. Law, especially, is one of the most forcible of teachers, and has transformed many a lawless community into one of respect and order. Its use should be unhesitatingly invoked where it is persistently transgressed.—Ed.]

## BIRDS.

The Crow is very destructive to birds, robbing the nests of both eggs and young. Many birds seem to know this, and build near the house, where the Crows do not come. In the berry-bushes, the grape-vines, and the shrubs and trees nearby there are many nesting birds, though we keep several cats. The birds seem to think they are safer close to the house. I sit at my window looking out, and always see plenty of birds around. I love to see them fly and hear them sing. But if we notice the ladies' hats it really seems a wonder there are any birds alive yet, as so many are killed for that decoration. Surely ribbons and flowers look prettier than feathers of a dead bird. Cousin Eleanora.

Van Wert, O., June 15, 1908.

[Note.—One beautiful summer evening some years ago I was quietly sitting on the piazza of my Libonia home, just as the twilight was fading to darkness. The Whip-poor-wills were singing in the distance, and the crickets crooned in the lawn grass, but otherwise all was silence around until I was startled by the cry of a little bird in distress in a pine branch in front of me, not five feet away. I peered into the darkness and saw in the little nest, (which I prized and enjoyed because of its nearness, and the opportunity it afforded for nature study), the paw of a sneaking cat. Quickly I made an alarm and the maltese disappeared in front of a club in the darkness. The next day the cat was promptly dispatched, but the little birds left the nest which had been the source of their cheerful songs for many days previous, and I never saw them again. Had I not been there the meanness of the cat would not have been discovered, and I would never have known why the birds left their nest. We occasionally discover a cat, but the greater part of their bird-catching is done while we are sleeping and the birds are at rest. Never turn your cat out at night.—Ed.]

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**Paronychoides major**  
**Alyssum Saxatile**  
**Asparagus Sprengeri**  
**Plumosus nanus**  
NOTE.—**Asparagus Sprengeri** is one of the most beautiful of basket plants. The foliage is apple green. Easily grown.  
**Arabis Alpina**  
**Aristolochia elegans**  
**Arum Carnutum**  
**Asclepias incarnata**  
**Amorphophallus Rivieri**  
**Anthemis Chamomile**  
**Aquilegia in variety**  
**Amomum Cardamomum**



**Bauhinia Purpurea**  
**Blackberry Lily**  
**Bougainvillea Sanderi**  
**Boston Smilax**  
**Bryophyllum calycinum**  
**Cactus, Queen of Night**  
**Opuntia variegata**  
**Caladium, Fancy Leaf**  
**Campylobotrys regia**  
**Cordylone Indivisa**  
**Carex Japonica.**  
**Carnation Grenadin, white**  
**Cassia Marilandica**  
**Campanula in variety**  
**Camphor Tree**  
**Chlidanthum fragrans**  
**Chrysanthemum Frutescens**  
Prince of Wales, white  
Mrs. Porter, bronze  
Julia Lagravere, crimson  
Bohemia, yellow  
Salem, pink  
**Coreopsis grandiflora**  
**Crassula cordata**  
**Cuphea platycentra.**  
**Cyclamen in sorts.**  
Daisy, Double, delicate  
Daisy, Snowball, white  
Longfellow, red  
Daisy, Ox-eye, Shasta  
California  
Alaska  
Delphinium, perennial  
Dianthus Semper. yellow  
Digitalis, Foxglove  
Erythrina Crista Galli

**Eucalyptus citriodora**  
**Eucornus punctata**  
**Eupatorium riparium**  
**Riparium variegatum**  
**Euphorbia splendens**  
NOTE.—**Euphorbia Splendens** is popularly known as Crown of Thorns. It blooms well either in winter or summer, the flowers being a lovely vermillion and charming in form.  
**Ferns, Tender in variety**  
**Pierson Plume**  
**Hardy in variety**  
**Ficus repens**  
**Fuchsia, single:**  
Black Prince, single  
Silver King, single  
Mrs. Chas. Blanc  
Speciosa  
Double:  
Gloire des Marches  
Rosa Patrie  
E. G. Hill  
**Funkia subcordata grandi.**  
Ovata and Undulata var.  
**Gaillardia grandiflora**  
**Genista Canariensis**  
**Guava, fine fruit for pots.**  
**Geranium, Pratensis**



**Geranium, S. A. Natt**  
Gen. Grant  
John Doyle  
E. G. Hill  
Eugene Sue  
Granville  
Jacquerie  
Tiffin  
**Geranium, Ivy Leaf,**  
**Hemerocallis flava**  
**Middendorffiana**  
**Sieboldii**  
**Thunbergii**  
**Heterocentron album**  
**Hibiscus, pink, crimson eye**  
White, crimson eye  
**Helianthus Maximilliana**  
**Helianthus tuberosum**  
Multiflorus f. pl.  
Hollyhock, double, in sorts  
Honeysuckle, Halls  
Reticulata  
**Hoya Carnosa, Wax Plant**  
**Impatiens sultani**  
Holsti  
**Iris, Florentina blue**  
White  
Purple  
**Iris, Pseudo-acorus**  
**Ivy, Irish or parlor**  
English variegated  
Kenilworth  
**Jasminum gracillimum**  
**Nudiflorum**  
Revolutum  
Jerusalem Cherry.  
**Kalmia Latifolia Laurel**  
Lavender  
**Leucanthemum, Triumph**  
**Ligustrum, Amoor River**



**Justicia sanguinea**  
Velutina  
**Lilium, Tigridum single**  
**Linum Perenne, blue**  
**Lopesia rosea**  
**Lysimachia, Moneywort**  
**Mackaya Bella**  
**Manettia bicolor**  
**Mexican Primrose**  
**Monarda Didyma**  
**Nicotiana Sylvestris, Affinis**  
**Sandera**  
**Oxalis, Bowii**  
**Arborea coccinea**  
Alba  
**Oenothera Frazerii**  
**Otaheite Orange**  
**Paeonies Chinese, in variety**  
**Palm, Phoenix Canariensis**  
**Palm, Palmetto**  
**Pardanthus Chinesis**  
**Parsley, triple-curved**  
**Passiflora edulis**  
**Phalaris, ribbon grass**  
**Physalis Franchetii**  
Pink, Essex Witch  
**Pllea Muscosa**  
**Pittosporum Tobira**  
**Platycodon blue, white**  
**Polygonum Multiflorum**  
**Pride of India Tree**  
**Primula, Veris Duplex**  
Vulgaris  
Acaulis  
**Pyrethrum, mixed**  
**Rhynchospermum Jasmin.**  
**Rudbeckia, Golden Glow**  
Newmanii, **Purpurea**  
Rocket, Sweet  
**Ruellia Makoyana**  
Formosa  
**Russelia elegantissima**  
Juncea  
**Salvia Praetensis**  
Rutilans  
Solarea  
**Coccinea splendens**  
**Splendens Alfred Raginaw**  
Robusta  
Sage, English  
**Ganseviera Zeylanica**  
**Saxifraga peltata**  
gedum, Acre  
**Selaginella maritima**  
**Silene Fortunei**  
**Solanum Rantonetti**  
**Grandiflorum**  
**Spirea, Filipendula**  
Gladstone  
**Palmata elegans**  
**Venusta**  
**Callosa alba**  
**Strobilanthes anisophyllus**  
**Sweet William, white, red**  
Holborn's Glory  
**Tansy**  
**Thunbergia grandiflora,**  
**Thalictrum adiantifolium**  
**Tradescantia Zebrina**

**Tritoma corolina**  
**Troilus, Thomas Ware**  
**Veronica Longiflora**  
Imperialis  
Prostrata  
**Vinca, Hardy**  
**Rosea and Rosea Alba**



**Triclyrtus Hirta**  
**Weigelia floribunda**  
Variegata  
**Yucca filamentosa**  
**Quadricolor**  
**Aloifolia**  
**Gloriosa**

## Hardy Shrubs.

**Abelia rupestris, hardy**  
**Althea, Rose**  
**Amorpha fruticosa**  
**Aralia petaphylla**  
**Baccharis hallimifolia**  
**Benzoin odoriferum**  
**Berberis**  
Vulgaris  
Thunbergii  
**Cotoneaster angustifolia**  
**Callicarpa purpurea**  
**Cytisus Laburnum**  
**Deutzia crenata f. pl.**  
**Euonymus Americana**  
**Exochorda grandiflora**  
**Forsythia viridissima.**  
Suspensa (Sieboldii)  
**Hamamelis Virginiana**  
**Kerria Japonica f. pl.**  
**Koeleruteria paniculata**  
**Ligustrum Ibotum, Privet**  
California Privet  
**Photinia Villosa**  
**Philadelphus Mock Orange**  
Grandiflorus, large-flwd  
**Spirea Anthony Waterer,**  
Reevesi, Van Houtte,  
**Spartium Junceum**  
**Syrax Japonica**  
**Symphoricarpus vulgaris**

## Hardy Shrubby Vines.

**Ampelopsis quinquefolia**  
Veitchi  
**Cissus heterophylla**  
**Clematis paniculata**  
**Deutzia, Pride of Rochester**  
Gracilis  
Roses, climbing hardy  
Seven Sisters  
Mary Washington  
**Wistaria Magnifica, beautiful hardy vine.**

## Hardy Trees.

**American Linden**  
**Catalpa Kampeperi**  
**Cork Elm**  
**Eucalyptus Globosa**  
**Mulberry, Russian**  
**Sugar Maple**  
**Sycamore (American)**  
**Tulip Poplar**  
**Umbrella Tree**  
**Weeping Willow**

I can supply the above Now. I pay postage and guarantee safe arrival. Remit at my risk. Get up a club. Order this month. GEO. W. PARK, La Park, Lancaster Co., Pa.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl 10 years old. Mamma has taken your Magazine 10 years. You ought to see what beautiful flowers she has indoors, and also out-doors. She will now send two new subscribers and also an order for herself.

Edith Andrea Peterson.

Salem, Idaho, April 12, 1908.

Dear Mr. Park:—I will tell you about my pets. I have a dog and two puppies, two Bantams, one white and one brown; one goat and a little lamb. We have five pigeons—three are blue and two are white and blue spotted.

Iona Bell, age 12 years.

Mercer, Mo., Mar. 10, 1908.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 12 years old, and in the sixth grade. For pets I have five Bantam chickens, two large dolls and 12 small ones. I live on a farm three and one-half miles from town. I make a flower garden and a small vegetable garden every year.

Ruth C. Ranck.

Gage, Oklahoma, March 11, 1908.

Dear Mr. Park:—We have a big Hawthorn in our yard, and the little birds built in it. Our goats play in the wheat all day. This evening I saw three rabbits chasing on the lawn, and they played almost an hour. We have a Martin box, but instead of Martins the Mocking-birds have built a nest and sing there.

Ethel Forsee.

Newbern, Tennessee, May 4, 1908.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a girl of 10 years, and live on a farm. It is a beautiful place now, for there are blossoms everywhere. Last year we got a 3-cent packet of Coxcombs, and they were beautiful. One comb measured 13 inches across, and we had five colors. We had other flowers also that were beautiful. We had five colors of Ten Weeks' Stock, and the plants bloomed till Christmas in the house.

Verna Glover.

Ravenwood, W. Va.

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**Hemerocallis Middendorffii**, similar to *H. flava*, but coming into bloom after the flowers of that species are gone. A splendid sort.

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**GEO. W. PARK, Editor and Publisher, LaPark, Lancaster Co., Pa.**

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**Yellow**, Crysolora, large, bright.

**Pure white**, Blanche Superb, fine.

**Soft white**, Blanchard, pretty.

**Blue-Bronze**, Stellata, blue and gold.

**Orange**, Prince of Orange, dark bronzy.

**Porcelain**, Louisa, white, shaded blue.

**Gold Bronze**, Thunderbolt, showy.

**Variegated**, Formosa, lilac and olive.



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**Blue** in variety, dark blue, dark violet, rich purple, and blue margined.

**Black** in variety, coal black, blue black, jet black, dark violet, purplish black.

**Yellow** in variety, rich pure yellow, golden yellow, yellow with eye, shaded.

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**Mixed Colors** in variety, superb shades and markings, many rare varieties.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—Your influence is strong in making people think of the dear little songsters which God has given to make the world brighter and better. We read of hunters killing the robins in the South. Is there not enough in this world of plenty to eat without destroying the song birds for food? Mrs. Rosa Batterbee.

Charlevoix Co., Mich., March 5, 1908.

Dear Mr. Park:—It is twenty-five years since I first became acquainted with your dear little Magazine. I never tire reading it. It is a treasure to me, as well as to all who love flowers. If a plant does not thrive I can nearly always find a remedy in Park's. I anxiously await the monthly arrival of the numbers. I enclose money for the renewal of my subscription.

Mrs. Mattie Pierson.

Champaign Co., O., Jan. 9, 1908.

Dear Mr. Park:—Good morning! I wish to tell you as spring draws near, our thoughts turn to you and the flowers. And why to you more than to others of your profession, because we know that you are really our friend. Who else places seeds of the much prized, high priced flowers within the reach of those who simply cannot pay 50 cents per packet. We feel that it is through your kindness of heart that you do it. Why shouldn't we do our best to call people's attention to you and your Magazine, when you do so much to make us flower lovers happy. And your stand against the destruction of birds I was most happy to read. We have fruit trees in our yard, and the birds come and sing to us all through the summer. In winter I feed them every day. Some are so tame they eat from my hand (the chickadees). May you live a long and prosperous life. Mrs. Fred McPherson.

Somerset Co., Maine.

Dear Floral Friends:—I was very much interested in the Editor's description of Florida's flowers. I spent the winter in southern California, and how I did enjoy the flowers and fruits and the birds. I am an invalid, and can walk but little, so I sat under the Pepper trees and listened to the Mocking bird and many birds I did not recognize. One day I counted six different kinds singing at once. One morning a flock of Larks alighted in my yard and gave me a free concert. I felt as though everything was praising God for his goodness. When out riding I was delighted with the Poinsettias, which were at their best. Even the humblest home was surrounded with flowers. I saw so many cottages covered with a vine that looked like a trumpet vine, only more delicate, and just one mass of red. [Probably *Bignonia venusta*.—Ed.] Another vine that I wish I could grow on my porch here, looked like an ivy-leaved Morning Glory. It had rosy, crimson bloom that remained open all day. Many of the back-yard fences and chicken pens and out-buildings were made so beautiful with its wreaths of bloom.

My back yard was full of Calla Lilies. We christened one cottage "Calla Cottage."

Every day, nearly, someone would bring me a huge bouquet of roses, and such roses I never saw; but I think they are not so fragrant as ours are. I spent a few weeks in Pasadena. I think it is the most beautiful place in California. The air is fragrant with Orange and Lemon bloom, and the hedges of Heliotrope and Ivy Geranium were grand. I noticed so many had masses of scarlet Geranium edged with "Dusty Miller." One beautiful home I saw had scarcely anything but that, and at every upstairs window a box of scarlet Geraniums, with Asparagus Sprengii to droop. Now, asking someone to kindly tell me what I can have to bloom in the shade on the east and north of my porch, I will close.

Mrs. G. L. Flowers.

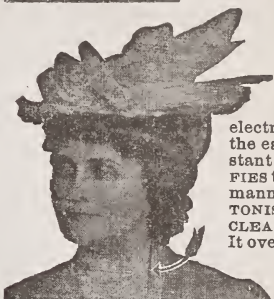
Wapello Co., Ia., May 7, 1908.

**Roses not Opening.**—My Roses do not open well this season, and upon investigation I find the petals seem to be glued together. Then appear little, long, reddish-brown insects among the petals, apparently drawing the life from the flower. I do not know a remedy for the pest. Mrs. F. E. Stroud. Frosty, N. C. May, 1908.

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## CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 12 years old and ride my pony two miles to school. I have two calves, Roadie and Oxie, which I can drive. I hitch them in a wagon or sled. I play the piano and organ. I am organist at the First Methodist church. We have a large sugar bush and lots of flowers. Harriet Reynolds.

North Fairfield, R. 2, Ohio, March 16, 1908.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a girl of 14 years, and go to St. Columbus school, at Iona, Minn., but have to stay at home quite often because I am sick. Mamma has taken the Magazine almost nine years, and she likes it very much. I like to draw, and my teacher



says I ought to study art. I enclose a sketch of our Christmas Cactus. We have quite a number of house plants. Our Christmas Cactus bloomed this year and was very pretty.

Mabel M. Moriarty.

Murray Co., Minn., March 20, 1908.

Dear Mr. Park:—The Martins have come. We have just one box put up. If papa had time he would put up another. I like birds. We have a Canary and some Bantam chickens. I like the letters you write. Anna Seal.

Columbus, Indiana, April 19, 1908.

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## CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 12 years old and live on a farm. I have a pet pig I call whitie. My aunt has taken your Magazine a great many years, and she is very anxious that sister and I should have a flower garden, so she has ordered seeds for us. My favorite flowers are Forget-me-nots, Sweet Peas and Roses. Polly Barnum.  
Rockingham Co., N. H., March 19, 1908.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 11 years old, and in the fifth grade. I live in the country. I like to read



the Children's Letters. Here is a picture if you will accept it. Bertha R. Bartram.

Madison, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a boy of 12 years, going to school at Gold Beach, Oregon, at the mouth of Rogue River. We live on the south side, and on the north side there is a cannery where they can salmon. The fish are caught with gill nets,



and in the fall with a seine. I saw 4,545 come in at one haul. In the summer we go up the river to the ranch

I love birds and flowers very much. We have a horse we call Minnie, and I like to ride. I had a singing bird for a pet, and a cat killed it. Since that I do not like cats very well.

Curry Co., Oregon.

Davy T. Crockett.

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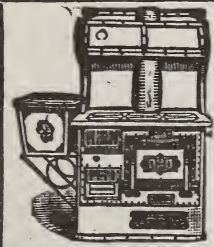
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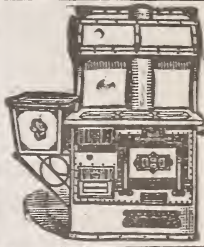
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Mrs. F. E. Strowd.

Frosty, N. C., May 25, 1908.

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Mrs. May Steward.

Chester Co., Pa., April 28, 1908.

Mr. Park:—As I do not wish to miss one number of your Magazine, I enclose money to renew my subscription. I take several papers and magazines, but would rather give them all up than the Floral Magazine. I always find time to read that, no matter how busy, or how much other reading I neglect. It has all needed advice on the care of my flowers.

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Mr. Park:—I think your Magazine is just fine. I have learned so much from it. I think every flower lover should take it. Ada McCoy.

Phillips, Neb., May 4, 1908.

Mr. Park:—Your little Magazine has been a regular visitor at my home for nearly, if not quite thirty years, and I herewith send you my renewal. Emily R. Rollins.

Hubbardston, Mass., April 28, 1908.

Mr. Park:—I enclose 25 cents to renew my subscription to the Magazine. I have taken it eight years, and have each year's numbers bound separately. Mrs. A. Stein.

Sanborn, N. Y., April 15, 1908.

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Concord, Mass., May 28, 1908.

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Newport, Kentucky.

Mr. Park:—I send you my subscription to the Magazine, and I hope I shall not miss one number. We always keep about 100 house plants, besides shrubs and garden flowers, and I find the Magazine a great help in caring for them. I enjoy it very much. Canadian Friend.

Fory's Hill, Ont., Can., June 16, 1908.

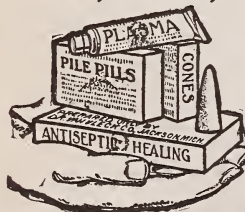
NOTE.—This is but a sample of many letters received from Canadian friends, which cause a feeling of deep regret, for the recent tariff and postal laws of that country have been so construed against the Magazine that I cannot mail it to the Canadian subscribers. I must, therefore, cut them from my list entirely. It is like forcibly breaking a family tie. With me money is not an object in this matter. Severing of a friendship with Canadian flower-lovers that has lasted for many years, however, is a touching regret that will always be felt.—Ed.

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send you a drawing I made of our horse Minnie, and hope it will be good enough to print with my letter. We have a large black dog named Major. He has a white breast and white slippers. I love flowers, and raise some every year.

Mary Smith Lynn.

Scruggs, Virginia, March 6, 1908.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a great lover of birds and flowers. I will tell you about my little pet dove. A neighbor gave it to me. I kept it in a little box at night, and turned it loose in the house in daytime. I fed it wheat. I kept it till it became grown, and then old cat Gray caught it and killed it. I felt very sad, for I thought a lot of it. I now have a pet horse named Billie, and I ride him to Sunday school nearly every Sunday.

Maisy M. Marsh.

Grady Co., Oklahoma, May 5, 1908.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farmer's daughter, 10 years old, and love to read the Magazine. Last summer a robin built in a tall Balsam tree near our fence. After a shower mamma and I went out to listen to his merry "Cheer Up," as he always sang after a rain, but we did not hear him sing as usual. Instead we heard the most heart-breaking cries from both robins, and also their little ones. So mamma ran down to see what was the trouble, and behold! When she reached the tree a crow flew out from the branches with one of the little robins in his bill. Papa ran for his gun, but when he got back the crow had disappeared in the thick woods. That night mamma and I could not sleep. It seemed as if we always heard the heart-breaking cries of the robins. If I had been a man I should have followed that crow until I found him and made short work of him.

Meta Knoll.

Phlox, Wisconsin, March 12, 1908.

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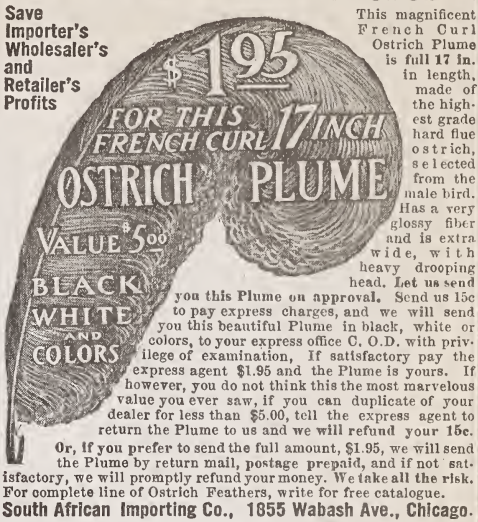
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Mrs. Lizzie Castleman.

McLennan Co., Texas, Jan. 7, 1908.

Mr. Park:—A note in your Magazine refers to *Cicuta Maculata* as "a hardy, dwarf, foliage plant, suitable for an edging, etc." Now, *Cicuta Maculata* L., commonly called Water Hemlock, is a very poisonous plant, three to six feet tall, with heavy, somewhat yellowish, Dahlia-like tubers. I think the plant referred to in the Magazine is *Ægopodium podagraria variegata* L., introduced from Europe, having foliage similar to *Cicuta*, but low, propagating by slender underground runners.

Otto Hacker.

Lake Co., Ohio.

NOTE.—This exception is well taken. The error came through the misnaming of the plant in a botanical garden, and its identity was not questioned. Dr. Beal called the editor's attention to it some time ago, but the correction was overlooked. It is hard to correct a name, and for many years the plant will be better known by its erroneous name than by its correct and more difficult one.—Ed.

Dear Mr. Park:—I have read in your Magazine a great deal about bird-destroying cats. My experience is that if a house cat is fed well, particularly during nesting time, it will catch very few birds. Of course, stray cats ought to be killed. But here the hawks and blue jays are the worst enemies of birds. Last summer a pair of sparrow hawks had a nest near our home, and we saw them fly over the house often three times a day with a bird for the young hawks. If they had three little ones that would be ninety in a month, to say nothing of what the parent birds ate. And the blue jays! There are thousands of them. Last year they destroyed two robins' nests and a gold finch nest near our yard, also a quail's nest that had twenty-six eggs in it. There ought to be a bounty on such pests.

I agree with you about raising animals to kill. We live in the woods, where there is a great deal of game, but the game is safe so far as we are concerned. My chickens are raised for eggs alone, and we have a pig which will, no doubt, die of old age.

The Dogwoods are in bloom, the air is full of bird-song and spring is beautiful. The roses I received last year did well. Helen Gould is in bud now. I kept three Snapdragons through the winter, and one has two stalks of lovely white blossoms, and ten stalks in bud.

Mrs. C. F. Slocum.

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Berne, Indiana. Julia Debrot, aged 10 years.

**Cactus Grafting.**—Will some Cactus specialist tell us about grafting Cactuses?—Mrs. M. B., Maryland.

**Begonia.**—I have a Begonia with spotted leaves which is now three feet high, but has never bloomed. How shall I treat it to have it bloom?—Mrs. Steele, La.

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**Cactus.**—Where can I get the Old Man Cactus, and at what cost?—Mrs. Ida B. Ensminger, Haines, Baker Co., Oregon, R. F. D., Box 67.

**Blue Iris.**—Four years ago I got a blue Iris. It bloomed the first year, but since then the foliage spots and turns yellow, and rots just at the ground. What ails it?—Miss Bovee, Conn.

**Dahlia Tubers.**—Could I keep these in a potato pit in winter if I dried them and packed them in dry sand.—Subscriber, Michigan.

**Bird Shooting.**—A lady living near Ashtabula Harbor, Ohio, complains of men with guns, mostly foreigners, coming near her dwelling and shooting robins, blue-birds and, in fact, any kind of birds that appear. If she remonstrates she "might as well talk to a tree," for they do not understand English. She wants to know how to stop the nuisance. She should simply report at once to the local game warden. Doubtless there is a severe fine for bird-shooting in Ohio, as in many other states, and the game warden's duty is to see that the fine is imposed upon all such law-breakers. Do not try to talk with these men or boys, but send word immediately by telephone or otherwise, and let the officer attend to his appointed work. A few arrests and fines will do more than anything else to stop the nuisance.

**Prefers Cats to Birds.**—The birds may give pleasure with their songs, but they destroy our fruit. They do not earn their living, but take it as a matter of fact that the fruit is theirs for the taking. On the other hand cats catch the pests that destroy the farmers' crops, and are affectionate companions, a great deal more to be desired than tame birds, but if we could have but one of the two I would choose cats. Subscriber.

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Boyceville, Wis., Apr. 28, 1908.

Mr. Park:—I have been a subscriber to your Magazine for seven or eight years. I like it, and think it worth many times the price asked for it. Rachel Bush.

Weistons Mills, N. Y., Feb. 27, 1908.

Mr. Park:—I feel very thankful for the pleasure, profit and instruction your Magazine has afforded me over a period of 22 years. A goodly portion I have bound and kept, and I study and refer to them often. Mary T. Gardner.

Yarmouth, N. S., April 8, 1908.

Mr. Park:—I have taken your Little Magazine for at least fifteen years, and like it very much. It is all I need to tell me how to care for my flowers. Mrs. Ellen Memmen.

Lincoln, Nebraska.

**Birds and Cats.**—We noticed something was eating our eggs, but could not imagine what was doing it, until one day I was at the barn and saw our cat was doing it. We killed it and got another, but have to keep it from the little chickens. I think one cat is enough for any family, and one too many if it catches birds and chickens. Alfred E. Baker.

Greenbrier Co., W. Va., June 16, 1908.

**In Nebraska.**—A floral sister at Parks, Neb., writes that the rats are so numerous and encroaching there that they destroy young chickens, eggs, birds and even young pigs. She thinks the only remedy is to keep cats. A dozen industrious cats ought to reduce the number of the pests.

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Warren Co., N. J., May 11, 1908.

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Knowing that the homely woman with deep lines and furrows must fight an unequal battle with her younger and better looking sister, many resorted to annoying and even dangerous experiments trying to regain their former youthful appearance. This new discovery, however, will do away with all these rash measures, as the treatment is harmless and simple. It is said that, aside from banishing wrinkles in from one to three nights, it is a great aid to beauty, making the skin soft and velvety and beautifying the complexion. Many who have followed Miss Ellison's advice look from five to twenty years younger, and, judging by the number of replies she is receiving daily, people are not slow at taking advantage of her generous offer.

It comes as a surprise that the discovery should be made by a modest little woman in Scranton, when our large cities are full of beauty doctors specialists who have sought in vain for a treatment that would turn back the clock of time and place the imprint of youth on the fast-fleeting footsteps of age, but far more surprising is the fact that she is to remain where she is.

In speaking of the discovery she said: "Yes, I know there would be many advantages in my going to some of the larger cities, but I have made arrangements to give particulars of my treatment Free to all who write me, so that the women in every city and town may have the benefits of my discovery."

This statement shows that she is both broad-minded and generous, and all who wish to banish their wrinkles and improve their complexion should write her at once. Her address is:

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New Buffalo, Mich., Aug. 17, 1906.

Dr. Thacher, Chicago, Ill.

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N. C. BERRY.

P. S.—Refer all sick and suffering to me, and I will gladly tell them of the great cure of all diseases—Magnetism.

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